



# THE CRUMB

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## Today's Tidbits

*"A Book of Verses underneath the Bough,  
A Jug of Wine, A Loaf of Bread – and Thou  
Beside me singing in the Wilderness –  
Oh, Wilderness were  
Paradise enow!"*  
-Edward Fitzgerald

## Welcome (back) to Bread Loaf!

**Registration:**  
9 AM-5 PM, Blue Parlor  
**Opening Banquet:**  
6 PM, Dining Hall.  
**Opening Address:**  
7:30 PM, Theater.  
Reception to follow on the West Lawn.

In this sidebar, you will find a summary of the day's events, the Quote-of-the-Day, the Dining Hall menu, and a weather forecast. There is no guarantee that the weather forecast will match what you see out your window, since Bread Loaf Mountain creates its own climactic zone.

## Weather Report

Today, Tomorrow, and Thursday  
Sunny and warm  
Highs in the 80s, lows in the 60s

## Dinner Menu

Fruit  
Salmon or Beef  
Polenta  
Baked Potatoes  
Cheesecake

## Welcome to All – A Magical Summer Awaits

Following our Opening Night Banquet this evening at 6 PM in (where else?) the Dining Hall, Bread Loaf Director Jim Maddox and Middlebury College President John McCordell will officially open the 82nd session of the Bread Loaf School of English and introduce this summer's distinguished faculty. This brief ceremony will take place at 7:30 in the Burgess Meredith Theater. All students are encouraged to attend to hear about Bread Loaf's programs and projects – both news from the past year and plans for this summer and beyond – as well as to acquaint yourself with the newly reupholstered, buttock-welcoming seats. A reception (with refreshments!) will follow on the West Lawn, although inclement weather or malevolent insect life will cause the festivities to be moved to the Barn.

## First Things First

All students should visit the Blue Parlor (at the rear west corner of the Inn) between 9 and 5 today to verify course selections, take care of other registration nuts-and-bolts (vehicle cards, health forms, etc.), and ensure that the financial side of the summer is in order. A representative from Middlebury's Accounting and Financial Aid office will be present to assist with this last item. If you need to change your course schedule or have any other registration-related questions, see Elaine in the Bread Loaf office as soon as possible. While we're on the topic, let's discuss...

## The Bread Loaf Office (x. 2729)

The School's command center is located in the back of the Inn, where you will find Elaine Lathrop, Dianne Baroz, and Judy Jessup ready to answer all questions about courses and able to schedule appointments with Director Jim Maddox.

Faxes may be sent from the office, for \$1.00 (domestic) or \$2.00 (foreign). Incoming fax number is 802-443-2770.

## I.D.'s In Demand

Your Middlebury College student I.D. card is a particularly precious piece of plastic indeed, as brandishing it is the only way to gain entry to various College facilities (including the gymnasium complex) or check books out from the libraries.

## The Front Desk (x. 2700)

Innkeepers Edward and Victoria Brown have once again set up shop at the Front Desk and are assisted this year by Peter Newton, Kalli Federhoffer, Kai Prenger, and Heather Morin-Best. These friendly Bread Loaf veterans, whose youthful appearance bolsters the theory that Bread Loaf is literally and figuratively rejuvenating, will answer your questions, lend you sporting equipment, sort your mail, handle your incoming phone calls, cash your checks, allow lost items to repose behind the desk until found, and smile while so doing. They are, therefore, highly worthy of your courtesy and kindness.

## Cash Cache

The Front Desk can cash personal checks for up to \$50 during most business hours. Make checks payable to "Middlebury College." The nearest ATM is at Middlebury Beef & Beer (for real!), just south of the 125 and 7 intersection.

## Contacting the Outside World

The Front Desk also serves as the Bread Loaf Rural Station Post Office.

Incoming: Usually by noon  
Outgoing: M-F by 4 PM, Sat. by 2 PM  
FedEx only with personal account  
UPS at bargain prices

The Post-meisters warn us that postal rates will be changing on July 1.

Please note that because of the limited number of boxes, everyone has a "mailbox buddy," or, an "alphabetical relative." Given this necessary sharing, please make sure you take only your mail from your box.

## Avoiding the Outside World

To send a message to someone on campus, please use the Internal Mail box on the Front Desk counter. It's fast and free.

## Visiting the Outside World

If you are without transportation for the summer, or prefer to let someone else negotiate the twists and turns of Route 125, the Front Desk offers free shuttle service to (and, of course, from) Middlebury proper in the Big Bread Loaf Taxi/Van. The van departs each afternoon at 2 sharp from the Inn porch, returning from the Middlebury post office each afternoon at 4:30. Sign up at the Front Desk to reserve seats.

## News from the Outside World

While the *Crumb* prides itself on containing all the news of life on the Mountain, printed to fit, those who have subscribed to the *New York Times* for updates on the so-called "real" world can pick up their copies at the Front Desk.

## "Social" Security

Opinions vary regarding how security-conscious you wish to be in this idyllic spot. You may get a room key from the Front Desk. **Please Note:** Both roommates have to report to pick up keys, and a lost key costs \$25 to replace. All rooms can be bolted from the inside.

## Bookstore (x. 2759)

Under the fire escape at the rear of the Annex is a green door, and through that green door lies our local lair for bibliophiles, the Bread Loaf Bookstore, once again under the management of Heather Morin-Best. It's more than just a bookstore, actually; Heather is a purveyor not only of course books, but also of all sorts of other items. The store will be open from 9 to 4 today and tomorrow, resuming normal hours starting Thursday. Heather requests that you limit your purchases this week to required texts for courses you are taking for credit, thereby giving all enrolled students a chance to equip themselves properly.

## Davison Library (x. 2739/2740)

Judy Watts, Chris Brady, Michelle Lee, Jonathan Blake, Allison Lobron and Brent Goeres will keep the library humming (inaudibly, of course) this summer. Davison offers a wide variety of studying environments; sometimes you may want to pamper yourself with a cozy wing chair pulled up to the fire, while imminent paper deadlines may demand one of the no-nonsense wooden desks in the first-floor work room. Davison also possesses an extensive video library and a small viewing room. The library is open from 8 AM to midnight daily, with assistance provided from 8:30 AM to 10 PM.

## Computer Center (x. 2741)

Caroline Eisner returns this summer as Official Techno-Guru, aided by a gaggle of student assistants. From their base in the basement of the Library, they are ready to assist with projects, problems, and phobias regarding the Macintosh and PC machines available there. Laser printing is also available, at a paltry nickel a page. Normal operating hours begin tomorrow. To the technologically uninitiated, fear not: Caroline and crew will offer training on BreadNet, our very own telecommunications network, and in other areas throughout the summer. Watch the *Crumb* for details.

## Physician, Heal Myself

Nurses will be on duty in the Cornwall Clinic (the smallest yellow building across Rte. 125 from the Inn) to handle routine medical situations, and a nurse practitioner will be available by appointment throughout the summer; check the clinic door and future *Crumbs* for further info. In an extreme emergency, call 911 (no need to dial 9), then alert the Front Desk or, if after hours, call extension 2713 or notify Jim Maddox at 9-388-7703. Please get ice from the kitchen.

## Phoning It In (Or Out)

The Bread Loaf phone system has finally caught up with other technology around campus - Edward Brown assures me that frantically dialing in the hopes of getting an outside line at 9:30 PM is a thing of the past. One consideration that should be retained from previous years, however, is to please take messages unto others as you would have them take yours unto you.

Starting extremely locally and moving outward: To reach campus extensions, dial the number listed in the directory. To make a local call, dial 9 and the seven-digit number. The Front Desk's extension is 2700; dialing 0 will direct you to the main switchboard of Middlebury College. To make a calling card call, dial 9-1-800 and the number of your carrier (please wait for the dial tone after the 9 - otherwise, you may be calling 911 for emergency assistance by mistake); common numbers are posted by the phones. For other kinds of phone calls, contact the Front Desk (dial 0).

The switchboard hours are kept religiously; please encourage loved ones to call you before 11 PM. Cell-phones for room use only.

## Copy Costs

The copier the size of a small car in the Bread Loaf office is for course-required handouts only. For all other copying needs, bring your loose change to the much less imposing self-service machine in the Library.

## A Lesson Before Dining

It would ill become a location called Bread Loaf to provide anything but splendid service, fine foodstuffs, and a bevy of beverages. Luckily, Bread Loaf has a crack staff of student waiters and waitresses, all of whom will provide the food for your thoughts. The operative word in the title "student waiter," however, is "student"; bear in mind that because the waitstaff must rush off to class just as you must, you will earn their affection by arriving promptly, or incur their thinly veiled wrath by dilly-dallying over just one more cup of coffee. The staff will be glad to fill your travel mug with whatever caffeinated, sugared, or just plain beverage you require to sustain you through *Middlemarch*.

As a warm-up exercise for your eventual interpretation of textual symbols, the *Crumb* offers this handy guide to dining hall symbols. A crossed-silverware "X" indeed marks the spot - for someone else; a chair leaning against a table indicates likewise, or signals that that section is closed and no waiter will appear.

Meal hours are listed on the back of this issue; please note that weekend meals are self-service. Meal tickets for guests, or students not on the meal plan, must be obtained at the Front Desk; inquire there for this year's costs.

## Snack Bar(n)

Of course, one need not partake of the Dining Hall's culinary offerings; for those not on the meal plan, or whose palates tend elsewhere, or (mostly) who spend their breakfast hours still in deep REM sleep, the Barn features a snack bar offering quick fare at reasonable prices. Old Piney will smile on those environmentally conscious souls who provide their own mug, thus reducing paper and styrofoam waste. The vending machines will dispense their contents at any hour of the day, but the Bar will be open from 7 AM until 8 PM. (Special hours today are 8-3).

## Little Loafers

"Croutons" is Bread Loaf's day camp, as well as one of the more creative extensions of the rampant dough-based metaphors in this vicinity. Once again, the Mary Johnson Children's Center at Ripton Elementary School on Lincoln Road will offer day care for young'uns. If you need information or already know that you'd like your child to attend, call the Center at 388-2853 to make arrangements.

## Imperil-elled Parking

If you scrutinize your Bread Loaf course catalog's beautiful center page, the aerial photograph of the campus, you will notice that while there are cars *driving* on Route 125, there are none *parked* alongside said roadway. This is as it shall be, decrees Vermont State Law and the local powers-that-be; neither shall you park behind the Inn or along any campus roads, lest you impede the delivery of food, linens, or other necessities without which our entire community would immediately devolve into *Lord of the Flies*-esque chaos. Only residents of Brandy Brook and Gilmore may park in front of their residences. For the rest of you, there is a parking lot near the Barn; this is the only permissible location for your vehicle. Be warned, also, that police car sightings in Ripton have increased dramatically as the summer session draws nearer. Just another reason to take those hairpins slowly.

## All Cheer Ajax's Arm and Hammer

Laundry facilities are located in the small white building between Larch and the Barn. Machines are \$1 per load; the Front Desk keeps an ample supply of quarters on hand. Be aware that the machines are, well, temperamental; you may want to do some advance scouting of prospective dryers (feeling the tops to see just how warm that machine gets when it gets going) to see which live up to their name and which will gladly accept your quarters but will effect no discernible change upon your garments in return.

If you signed up for the Nu-Way linen service, you may pick up your first set of sheets and towels today at the Front Desk. After that, the place to go is the large truck parked behind the Inn each Wednesday from 12:00 to 1:00 PM.

## No Smoke, No Fire

State law prohibits cigarette smoking in *all* public buildings, both here on campus and elsewhere in the Green Mountain State. If you do smoke despite these regulations, please exterminate all smoking material in the ash cans provided around campus for that purpose. Also, please do not smoke on the front porch of the Inn, as the smoke blows back into the building.

The campus is well-equipped with smoke detectors that can be triggered by cigarette smoke; if your room alarm goes off, air out the room and fan the smoke away from the alarm. Chirping, buzzing, or twittering smoke detectors are pleading for a new battery, which the Front Desk will be happy to provide. Chirping, buzzing, or twittering animals are perfectly normal for rural Vermont, and under no circumstances should attempts be made to equip *them* with new batteries.

Finally, to take you back to college days, a reminder that even the smallest appliances – hot plates, microwaves, coffee makers – are expressly prohibited on the Mountain, what with their draining the power supply and increasing the risk of fire. Such contraband items can, and will, be seamlessly re-introduced into the local economy at Trader Jim's Annual Yard Sale.

## Rock, Paper, Scissors: Which One is Recyclable?

Perhaps the natural splendor of this setting makes it easier to understand Vermont's commitment to recycling, which is mandatory statewide. Accordingly, please do your part and deposit paper and glass in the appropriate bins, which lurk in just about every corner of the campus. Using travel mugs instead of disposable cups and turning off lights after leaving your room or a classroom will also assist this environmental initiative greatly. Dead batteries may be deposited in the box at the Front Desk, where they will receive a proper disposal and possibly some words of remembrance and tribute.

## Exercising Caution

Walking, jogging, or biking along Route 125 can be both quite scenic and quite dangerous, given the near-nonexistent shoulders and constant sidewinding of the road, not to mention the presence of wildlife in the vicinity. Remember to stay on the left side if on foot and on the right, moving with traffic, if you are also on a wheeled mode of transportation. Bikes (motor or pedaled) should be locked at all times (except when being ridden, of course) and are not allowed to clutter up fire escapes, dorm hallways, or porches.

## The Sporting Scene

While noted for its collective intellectual prowess, the Bread Loaf community's athletic interests invariably give rise to all number of organized (and yet informal) sports. Ultimate frisbee, softball, volleyball, and soccer have drawn regular crowds in recent years, the Wimble-Loaf tennis tournament and Charlie Orr Fun Run are late-summer staples, and you are welcome to instigate any other sporting adventures you desire. Golf, anyone? Should you desire to spearhead the organization of any of these activities, simply drop a note to the *Crumb*. The Front Desk staff will gladly lend you what sporting goods they have in their possession. Middlebury College boasts splendid athletic facilities including a state-of-the-art swimming complex (that's a building, not a psychological condition), an extensive fitness center, and a golf course. Entrance to the first two requires only your student I.D.; those interested in golfing should know that the fee for a summer's playing privileges is a terrific bargain.

## Porch Patrol

There is simply no better place to park one's soul on a warm summer evening than on your porch, or someone else's. Please respect the furniture on other house's porches, and be sure to retire to the Barn (if you wish to keep on keepin' on) by 11 PM. The Barn has the benefit of a piano and a fireplace!

## The *Crumb* : Your Daily Companion

Did you know that the etymology of the word "companion" is, "someone with whom you break bread?" What better sentiment for a newsletter which serves a special community called Bread Loaf? While somewhat more verbose than the usual daily issue because of the customary opening-day miscellany, this *Crumb* is but the first in a summer-long parade of issues trumpeting coming events, past accomplishments, announcements of any and every kind, silly morsels, weather reports, daily menus, quizzes and contests, Top 10 lists, headlines punning poorly on things literary...in short, a compendium of the day's news at the Loaf, available to you each and every weekday at lunch, in the Library, and at the Front Desk. The *CyberCrumb*, an electronic version of this publication, is posted each morning in the CyberBarn and thereby rendered accessible to our fellow scholars in Alaska, England, and New Mexico, as well as to our legions of alumni eager to receive the latest news from the mountaintop.

*Crumb* Editor Maggie Favretti welcomes community input, so if you have an announcement, idea, observation, or anything you'd like to share, drop your submission at the Front Desk or email Maggie by 10:00 AM for inclusion in the next day's issue. Late-breaking stories will be included if received by 8 AM the day they need to appear.



## Bread Loaf Hours, 2001

<b>Meals</b>	Sunday night-Friday lunch (student-waiter served)	Dinner: 6 PM Lunch: 12:45 PM Breakfast: 7:30 AM
	Friday night-Sunday lunch (self-served)	Dinner: 6-6:45 PM Lunch: 12:30-1:15 PM Breakfast: 8-9 AM
<b>Snack Bar (x. 2743)</b>	Daily	8 AM-8 PM
<b>Front Desk (x. 2700)</b>	Monday-Saturday Sunday	8 AM-8 PM 9 AM-8 PM
<b>Switchboard</b>	Monday-Saturday Sunday	8 AM-11 PM 9 AM-11 PM
<b>Bread Loaf Bookstore (x. 2759)</b>	Mon, Wed, Fri Tues, Thur Tues	8:30-11:30 AM 10:00 AM-12:45 PM 3-5 PM
<b>Davison Library (x. 2739)</b>	Daily	8 AM-midnight. 8:30-10 with services
<b>Computer Center (x. 2741)</b>	Monday-Friday Saturday Sunday	8:30 AM-midnight 9 AM-9 PM 9 AM-midnight Closed for mealtimes
<b>Bread Loaf Office (x. 2729)</b>	Monday-Friday	8 AM-12:45 PM 2-4 PM
<b>Cornwall Clinic (x. 2714)</b>	Monday-Friday Sat-Sun	8 AM-4 PM 10 AM-4 PM
<b>Parton Health Ctr. (x. 5135)</b>	Monday-Friday Sat-Sun	8 AM-7:30 PM 10 AM-4 PM
<b>Field House (x. 5840)</b>	Monday-Friday Sat-Sun	9 AM-8:45 PM 10 AM-5 PM
<b>Fitness Center</b>	Monday-Friday Sat-Sun	6-9 AM and 12-8:45 PM 10 AM-5 PM
<b>Swimming Pool, or "Natatorium" (x. 5246)</b>	Monday-Friday Sat-Sun	6-9 AM and 12-8:30 PM 10 AM-5 PM
<b>Public Swimming (outdoor open swim)</b>	Monday-Friday Sat-Sun	1-3 PM, 3:40-5 PM, 6-7 PM 1-6 PM
<b>Ilsley Public Library</b>	Mon, Wed, Fri Tues, Thur Sat	10 AM-6 PM 10 AM-8 PM 10 AM-4 PM
<b>EMERGENCY (911)</b> (no need to dial "9")	<b>AMBULANCE</b> <b>POLICE</b> <b>FIRE</b>	388-3333 388-4919 388-2217



# THE CRUMB

Summer Reading that Students Actually Read - Since 1920

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Wednesday, June 27, 2001

## Today's Tidbits

Today's Tidbit  
On June 27, 1950, Truman ordered US troops into Korea. On a lighter note, on this same day in 1953, award-winning Irish-American author Alice McDermott was born. Her book, Charming Billy (1998) beat out the favorite, Tom Wolfe's A Man in Full, for the National Book Award that year.

## Today's Events:

**Senior Reception:** 5:00, Earthworm  
**Volleyball:** After dinner, field  
**Theater Auditions:** 7:30, Theater  
Actors for Directors' Plays 8:30

**Dinner Menu**  
Roast Turkey Breast  
Tony's Veggie Stew  
Mashed Potatoes & Peas, Oatmeal Bread  
Ice Cream

## Weather Report

Today will be pretty much the same as yesterday. Sunny and hot. Cloudier Thursday. Thunderstorms arrive at the end of the week.

### Earthworm's for Seniors on Wednesday

Seniors and Faculty (incl. Actors, of course) are invited by the Director to join him at Earthworm Manor for refreshments on Wednesday at 5 PM. Counseling will be available for those seniors who find the fact that "this is your last summer" beginning to sink in. Believe it or not, planning for commencement will begin on Monday...check the Crumb for details.

### Earthworm's for New Students and Staff on Thursday

New Students and Staff are invited to Earthworm Manor to schmooze with the Director and Bread Loaf Staff on Thursday at 5 PM. Faculty, unlike the hapless worm, are off the hook for this one, but will hopefully find other opportunities to meet the new folks.

### Auditions Already!

Auditions for two roles in this summer's Big Play, Ibsen's classic *Master Builder*, will begin at 7:30 PM tonight in the Theater. *Maja* is in her early twenties, and is in love with the Master Builder (who wouldn't be?). *Brovik* is an older man in his sixties; he is ill, and is trying to secure a future profession for his son.

### Another Act

Those students who might be interested in performing in a Directing Workshop's play (there are several), please be in the Theater for a meeting at 8:30 tonight.

### BLTN - Not your Average BLT

The Bread Loaf Teachers' Network (you know who you are) will have its welcoming meeting on Thursday, at 7 PM in Barn 1. State meetings, summer calendar, technology training, and catching-up are on the agenda.

### The Art Dell'Arte

A series of theater workshops open to the community at large will begin on Friday (2-5 and 7-9 PM in Barn A) when Carol MacVey invites all interested parties to observe her improvisation class in their Commedia Workshop. Ralph Hall, former Director of Blue Lake Dell'Arte School, and now Professor of Theater at the University of Iowa, will lead a session on improvisation.

### Epic Puppetry

Next week is a puppetry extravaganza, with Theodora Skipitares leading a week-long evening class (7-10 M-F in Barn A) to end with a show on Saturday. Ms. Skipitares, award-winning puppet artist, will use the 24 books of Homer's *Odyssey* to explore more ways to bring imagination into our classrooms using a variety of performing objects. No experience necessary, but sign up you must—outside the Dining Hall and Main Office.

### Backstage at Bread Loaf

There is a half-time work-study position available in the Theater. See Elaine if you are interested. Theater Manager Faye Christensen invites all others who are interested in behind-the-scenes theatrical work, from tech to sets to sewing, etc., to volunteer their services for one or more of this summer's productions. Drop a note in her mailbox.

### Blue Parlor Blues

Every Sunday evening at 7:30, students and faculty gather to share each others' work. Readings are performed by those who will, and some of us just go to soak in lots of great ideas and be a warm audience. Sign up at the Front Desk for any Sunday this summer. HELP! We need someone to be in charge. See Elaine if you would be willing.

### Wandering Minstrels

If there is anyone out there who could direct a madrigal ensemble, please see Elaine as soon as possible!

### New Head Waiters Take the Helm

Julie Lause and Kartik Balasubramanian (I did not make that up) are ably and amiably taking charge of our willing waitstaff. If you might be able to give a waiter a break by subbing for a meal or two, please sign up with Julie or Kartik...no experience necessary, and you will be paid. Also, please remember that your waiters have to get to class, too, so eat as efficiently as possible.

### Sixth Sense Starts the Season

The annual Bread Loaf Film Fest begins this Friday in the Barn at 9:30 PM, with *The Sixth Sense*. Says Jim Maddox of the show, "Well, I liked it, and I don't usually like Bruce Willis." Emily Bartels was previously afraid to see it, as it is about a child who can talk to the dead. The Directors' Assistants are convinced that you will like this film, and that it is not as tacky as it sounds. We will be on hand to comfort Emily if need be, and to provide popcorn. We advise bringing your own cups, to conserve our environment.

### Foreign Film Aficionados Flock Downtown

A listing of the films showing at the downtown campus (where the foreign language schools convene for the summer) will be posted outside the Bread Loaf office each week. The one catch is that no students downtown are allowed to speak or listen to English, so you'll have to keep your conversation to a whisper. If you need a ride down, or can offer one, please post a sign-up sheet outside the Dining Hall. Many thanks.

## Francis and Friends Square Up

Francis Cram and his down-home band will be on hand in Barn-land & treat us all to a Square Dancing Extravaganza on Saturday night at 9. No experience is necessary, although a special workshop entitled "The Subtextual Semiotics of Square Dancing: Discerning Right from Left after Deconstructing the Center" will be offered prior to the event.

## Four Rings and You're Out

As soon as the fourth ring on a hallway phone occurs, and sometimes even before the dulcet third has died away, the call gets bounced back to the Switchboard. While the Front Desk staff is friendly about taking messages, it is nice to know how to catch that loved one's voice. Feel free to hustle your bustle or call out for help when the phone rings.

## Croutons Connection

In case you need to inquire about your little bread crust during the work day, the camp has its direct line open: 388-2208.

## Ultimately Ultimate

When she's not writing papers, running up and down mountains, serving your drinks at receptions, and being an all-around campus wizard, Kim Steinberg will play you into the ground, ultimately. Kim the frisbee goddess will schedule the games. Check the bulletin board outside the Dining Hall for times, and be ready to sweat.

## Bump and Dive

Not to be outdone by disc-hurling hordes, the volleyball contingent meets every evening after dinner. The net is already set up out on the field, the level of play ranges from jungle-ball to competitive, and the sunsets are spectacular.

## Carry a Big Stick Softly

Sunday afternoon at 2 is a good time to catch some z's in the outfield, unless Leo's hitting, in which case you'd better look sharp. If we could come up with a regular softball group, we could revive the ancient tradition of challenging the Riptonites to a game. Robert Frost once chased Chester Scott, Ripton-dweller and friend of the Loaf, into the woods, after the unfortunate young Chester caught Frost's flyball.

## Ripton Flycatchers

If you fly through Ripton, you may just find yourself caught (though not by Chester). Keep the pedal off the metal and follow all the rules, as local police tend to be very active at this time of year.

## Once a Pond at Times

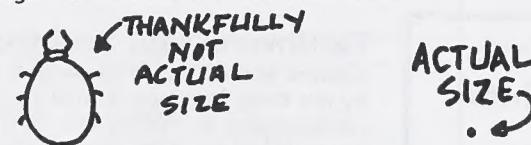
Once there was a Pond, Johnson Pond by name, lavishly enjoyed by those who looked forward to a chill thrill. Last summer, Mother Nature took it back. Unless you are a hippopotamus looking for a mudbath, or a benefactor looking to donate the enormous sums of money it will take just to prepare for the wetlands permit process, it is best to avoid the once-a-pond altogether. The good news is that President McCarell has promised to get the pond back by next summer, even if he has to dig it himself. Dig?

## Front Desk Faux Pas

The extension for the Front Desk is 2700, and The Crumb staff heartily recommends that you use it instead of that other cockamamie advice I gave you yesterday.

## Tips from Cornwall Clinic

Sandy Brutkowski (RN), Yvette Feig (NP), and Rebecca Hill (NP) would like you to know that deer ticks, some of which carry Lyme disease, have entered Vermont. They encourage wearing long pants and socks when hiking or walking in tall grass or the woods, and would like to remind you that a tick-check can be a very pleasurable intimate activity. You have 24 hours to find it before anything disastrous happens. And another thing...your mother was right: don't scratch those insect bites!



## Top Ten Reasons People Come to Bread Loaf (you may wonder)

10. You come for the literature; you stay for the Crumb.
9. You get to eat breakfast with someone whose first name is MacNair.
8. You finally get to meet Elaine Lathrop.
7. You get to donate blood to the local insect population.
6. You get to hear Emily Bartels let it all hang out.
5. You get a chance to see Kurt exposing his suppressed "feminine" (back)side.
4. Wimbleloaf might be the best you can do.
3. You came to Vermont early to avoid ski lift lines.
2. The Meat Loaf School of Mathematics was all full up.
1. One word: Ellen.

## The Overall Question

So what happened to the erstwhile occupant of the overalls in the Inn Lobby? Is this composition a work of art? Magically real? Memoir? Is it sublime or beautiful? What of the juxtaposition of the botanical aesthetic and artifice? How would a Marxist-Freudian read this text? If you deconstruct a composition, are you decomposing? This week's Top Ten Question asks you to name that sculpture (or, "that thing," as the Front Desk has fondly referred to it). Please submit all titles to the Crumb mailbox (use internal mail, addressed to The Crumb) by Thursday night at dinnertime. Have fun!

## Quotidly Think

Sometimes a Quotation is just too easy to find, so this summer look for a wider variety of ways to test your worldly wisdom. This friendly competition goes on all summer, with special prestige going to the person or persons with the most right answers by the end. Look for daily questions, answers, and winners.

Today's Question: What is the percentage of George W. Bush's first 189 appointees who also served in his father's administration?

(okay, so what d'ya expect from a freakin' history teacher writin' yer Crumb?) =) Have fun! If you can't find it, GUESS! I'll take the closest one. Internal mail: The Crumb, or Maggie, or "that Crumb girl." I've got to have it by 9 AM tomorrow morning!



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*When you need a companion in the middle of the day...*

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Thursday, June 28, 2001

## Today's Tidbits

On June 28, 1919, the Treaty of Versailles was signed, five years to the day after the assassination of the Archduke Franz-Ferdinand Hapsburg began the chain of events which led to the Great War (and 400 years to the day since his ancestor, Charles V, was named Holy Roman Emperor).

Economist John Maynard Keynes, who had left the conference in protest of the treaty, predicted that the stiff war reparations and other harsh terms imposed on Germany would lead to a financial collapse, which in turn would have serious economic and political repercussions on the world.

## Today's Events:

New Student Reception:  
5:00, Earthworm  
BLTN:  
7 PM, Barn 1

## Dinner:

London Broil  
Gratin Potatoes  
Fennel Salad  
Beans, Wild Rice Pilaf  
Cake

## Weather Report

Partly Cloudy, warm today. Chance of showers over next day or two.

### First-Years' Festivities

While Earthworm Manor might sound more like the setting for a Beatrix Potter tale, it's actually the location for this afternoon's reception for students new to Bread Loaf. Director Jim Maddox will be joined by the Bread Loaf staff to welcome you and provide you with food and drink today at 5:00. Earthworm Manor is the white house a short walk down 125 West (towards Middlebury).

"BLTN!"

"-Bless You!"

While I'm not sure how to pronounce the new acronym, all of you who are in it know how special this connection is. Meet today at 7:00 in Barn 1. An important agenda awaits.

### Wildlife Watch

There is a family of barn swallows tending an active nest on the porch of the Inn. They were rudely surprised on set-up day, when we tried to hang the net chair near their nest. Not wishing to be nasty nest wreckers, we have postponed the chair hanging until the babies fly. Has anyone spotted a moose yet? Catamount? Bear?

### Emily Post's Guide to Library Etiquette

Sometimes our own nesting instincts extend to the Library, where we hunker down into a particular corner, stow away snacks and bottles of (water), pile all those heavy books, park our power strip and laptop, post pictures of our families, drape our favorite afghan, and so on. In view of the fact that the Library is heavily used by over 300 people, let's keep it picked up at all times.

### Fire Friends

Caretaker Leo Hotte asks that each floor designate two people who can remember how many people live on your floor, and might be likely to recognize them. In case of an emergency evacuation, these people would do the "head count" to make sure everyone was out. Don't forget to count yourselves.

### A Still Small Voice in the Wilderness...

...is crying, "HELP!" Wouldst thou sing amidst the boughs? Canst thou count and playest thou upon the virginals? Many willing madrigalists are still seeking a leader. See Elaine if you are interested.

### Gilmor Goes Again

Another long-standing and much-loved tradition at Bread Loaf is the Thursday night fireside reading hosted by Gilmor, performed by a faculty member whose identity and reading plans remain secret until the last minute. Gilmor is the yellow (yes, yellow!) house up the dirt road running behind the campus. Walk out the road past the left side of the Barn, and turn right at the bottom of the hill. Walk up a ways, until you see the house (or the bonfire) on your left. The reading, which often includes ceremonial references to Ellen and her much-loved Piney, begins at 9 PM, and the gathering continues until late (or early), with malted beverages and unplugged music.

### Comic Relief

Commedia Dell'Arte leader and University of Iowa professor Ralph Hall will be working with Carol MacVey's improvisation class Friday 2-5 and 7-9 in Barn A. The community is welcome to come and giggle along.

### Turning Blue

This Sunday at 7:30, the Blue Parlor Reading Series kicks off with a slate of mystery readers (actually, their names will soon be posted at the Front Desk). Sign up to read or organize, and then come early to get a good seat; this is another Bread Loaf tradition that really packs 'em in.

### Message from the Dead:

Go see *Sixth Sense* on Friday night at 9:30 in the Barn. It's really not as scary as it sounds, but if you should be frightened, Lucy Maddox advises that you can "turn around in your seat and watch the show by reflection in the windows." But really, what's so scary about a kid who communicates with the dead? If you know how it ends, don't tell anyone!

### Texas Stars in the Vermont Night

Everyone, large and small, is invited to the Barn this Saturday night for a traditional country square dance featuring Francis Cram and his band. Caller Tom Bahre (incidentally local legislator) will demystify the moves for you, including teaching such things as the Ladies' Chain, the allemande left, and the aforementioned Texas Star. Assistance will be available for the directionally impaired.

## Fireworks Friday

The Sheldon Museum, which houses such local oddities as Mr. Sheldon's molars, his stuffed pet cat, the information about the mummy he purchased and then buried in the Catholic cemetery up the street, and many valuable local archives, sponsors the annual Vermont Symphony Orchestra Outdoor Concert and 1812 Overture fireworks extravaganza Friday night at 8:00 PM in the Middlebury College Stadium. The grounds open at 5:30 for picnickers, and the stadium itself has a lovely view. Kids under 12 go for free! Students \$8, Adults \$18 ahead of time. Call 388-2117 for more information.

## Seniors Swarm Monday

Monday at 5 the Blue Parlor will be the scene not to miss, if you are a senior. Seniors, Senoritas and Senoras will gather to select class officers, hooder(s), and commencement speakers. We will also measure your heads, as part of a long-standing Bread Loaf study linking deep thought to increasing hat size. Michael Armstrong, long the record-holder among faculty, is the best example of the Bread Loaf phenomenon.

## Quotiddly Think

"This chirping  
is not in the least malicious.  
They sing without giving us a thought  
and they are as many  
as the seed of Abraham.  
They have a life of their own,  
They fly without thinking.  
Some are rare, some are common,  
but every wing is grace."  
--????

Can you identify the author of this quote? Get yer answers to me by 9 tomorrow!

## Silva is Sterling (and so is Rinkema)

Two contestants have jumped out to an early lead in the Quotiddly Think. Ana Silva and Emily Rinkema correctly identified the percentage of W's first 189 appointees who served in his father's administration as 42%. One guess was 89%! Now, now.

## A REMINDER: DON'T FORGET TO NAME

**THE PANTS!** WE DON'T WANT THE TOP TEN TO BECOME THE TOP THREE! Put your submissions in the Crumb Box by (your first extension) Sunday lunch. Use internal mail, "The Crumb."

## Last-Minute Course Additions

Dissatisfied with your course selections? Realizing that you thought "Literature and Difference" was actually called "Literature and Diffidence" and therefore required little effort? You might want to consider the following:

### 381. The Ideology of Entomology

Ms. Mantis / T, Th 2-4:45

An introduction to literary examinations of insect life that will also draw on Bread Loaf's extensive population of flying and crawling critters for individual study outside class. We will begin by reading Kafka's *The Metamorphosis* to identify better with the insect within each of us, then examine the Bard's treatment of insects in the fly-killing scene from *Titus Andronicus*, and finally turn to *Lord of the Flies* and Theroux's *The Mosquito Coast*. Students will be encouraged to form "swat teams" in class; extra credit will be given to students who prove their ability to snatch pesky flies out of midair while contributing to class discussions.

### 692. Trees' Company: Dialogues with Nature, Literally

Mr. Piney / M-F 6:45 PM

Taking as its central assumption that Joseph Battell's *Ellen* is, as Jim Maddox argued in his opening address last evening, ripe for symbolic interpretation, this course will examine similar human-plant exchanges in literature and film. Our discussions will center on *Ellen*, but it may be useful to incorporate revisions and reimaginings of this particular origin myth, including contrasting the hostile apple-throwing trees in *The Wizard of Oz* with the benevolent one in *The Giving Tree*. Perhaps Michael Keaton's recent film *Jack Frost* will provide interesting insights; while that dialogue is child-snatcher rather than girl-tree, the connection is not a far-fetched one. Students will write one short paper and conduct regular conferences with a shrub, flowering bush, or weed of their choosing.



# The Crumb

## Friday, June 29, 2001

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### A Little Slice of Loaf

#### Today's Tidbit

In 1613, the Globe Theater burned to the ground today. It had been built by Shakespeare's Acting Company in 1599, from the timbers of London's very first "permanent" theater, Burbage's Theater. Burbage had built his theater outside the city limits, to protect his company from some of the restrictions placed on theatrical performances. Shakespeare continued this strategy.

#### Weather, or Not

Today is cloudy with a chance of showers. The weekend looks like it'll be sunny or partly cloudy, hotter on Saturday than Sunday. Maybe.

#### Food, Glorious Food

The meal prices for guests not on the meal plan are as follows: Breakfast \$8 ea., Lunch \$10 ea., and Dinner \$15 ea.

The menu for tonight is: Sea Scallops Puttanesca or Spinach Lasagna, Broccoli & peppers, Garlic Bread, and Pumpkin Pie.

#### Fun and Frolic for First-Year Loafers

Directors Jim Maddox and Emily Bartels ask that all students new to the Bread Loaf Vermont campus arrange to speak with either of them. Sign-ups for 15-minute conferences are outside their office.

#### Seniors Blue

Seniors, please gather on Monday at 5 pm in the Blue Parlor. This meeting is second in importance only to graduation itself.

#### Rosy-fingered Dawn

I never thought that this might mean she's a puppet! Join master puppeteer Theodora Skipitares in a week-long evening puppet workshop, focusing on the imagining of Homer's Odyssey. Sign up outside the office, if you haven't already.

#### True Blue

Sign up to read at the Blue Parlor, or just come by to hear what your fellow Loafers have done. April Rivers is the woman to see if you have any questions; she'll be in charge. She's looking for people who could read this Sunday at 7:30.

#### BreadNet-working for Jobs

If you're looking for work, or looking for different work, or your school is seeking to fill a position, our Director encourages one and all to consult the "Jobs" conference in the "Conferences" section of BreadNet.

#### Tanglewood Untangled

Anyone wishing for some sweet outdoor evening music, please contact Beth Neely (Box 2350), who is willing to drive you to Lenox, MA for a concert or two.

#### No Pond? Try a Car Pool!

Melinda (Box 2343) is looking for someone who could share rides from Middlebury for morning classes.

#### Basketball, Anyone?

Liam Day would love to get a gang together to play basketball some evening next week. Drop him a note for details.

#### Sitter Sought

Sara Blair and Jonathan Freedman are looking for someone to engage the delightful Ben and Miriam in cerebral discourse and unfettered horseplay on the occasional evening set by mutual convenience.

#### Get Ready to Gallop

Runners who love the hills should consider the Goshen Gallop, which will be held July 22. Advance application is encouraged, at [www.blaberryhillinn.com](http://www.blaberryhillinn.com). (That OTHER inn on the mountain.)

### Old Time Fun & Frolic

Ok, I've been dying to tell you this story about Tom Bahre, the caller for the Square Dance. He's a very sincere, well-liked (particularly by Republicans) local legislator. See, there was a jam in a neighbor's Manure Bank spigot (down at the bottom of a very big tank). And Tom, widely known as a friendly neighbor, was called in to help. He heroically pulled his pickup up to the stuck spout, climbed inside it, and went to work. Well, when that valve gave, old Tom and all that BS shot right out of there. Buried him AND his pickup. Now I'll try not to read too much into this text, if you promise you won't. Tom's all cleaned up now, and ready to teach you a thing or two about Square Dances. Be in the Barn (where else?) at 9 PM on Saturday night.

*The Sixth Sense Tonight, in the Barn, at 9:30. Bring a friend and a cup. Or a couple of friends.*

### The Gospel Train is Coming

"Git on board..." Check the Crumb next week for details regarding the practice times for some great gospel singing with Carol Ann.

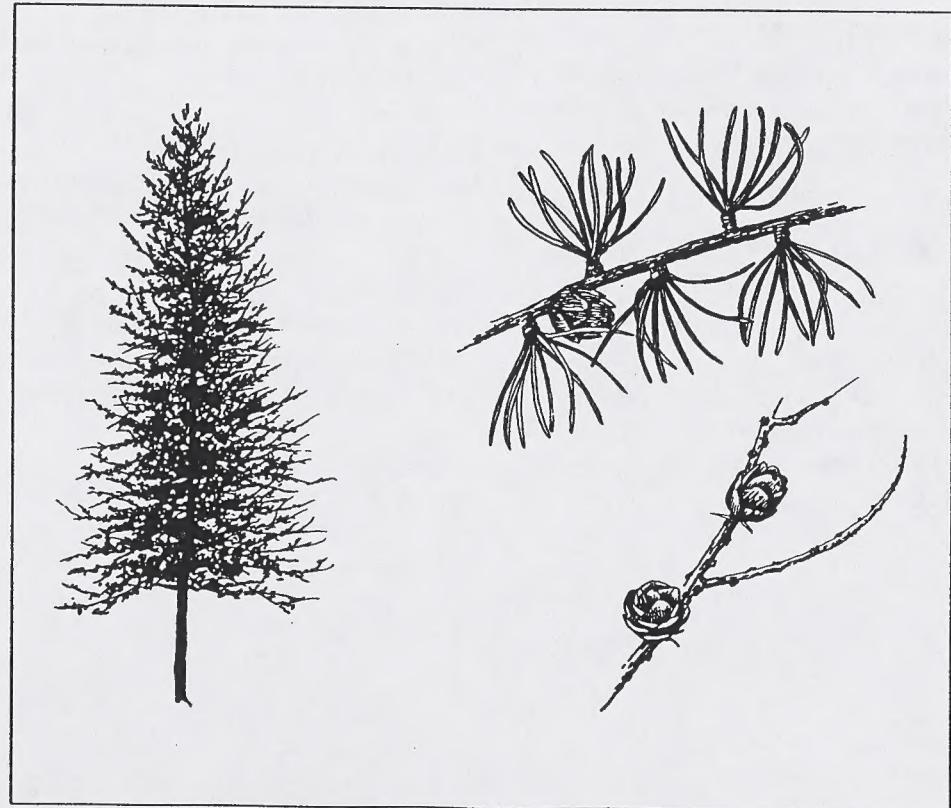
### Moose Moment

Chris Ross writes, "It was the other night around 11:30 just a mile or two towards the east side of town. I stopped the car and rolled down my window. She looked at me and I looked at her—but then we both looked away and went back to making our moonlit decisions."

### Pops Goes the VSO

Kids (and the kids within) who love fireworks will love this outdoor concert, held tonight in the Middlebury Stadium. The VSO plays as the sun sets, ending its concert with the 1812 Overture and a fireworks display. It's awesome. Call 388-2117 for slightly cheaper tickets (\$8 with student ID, free for kids under 12, \$18 for adults) than at the gate.

**Quotiddly Think:** Congratulations to last-year's Crumbly, Jonathan Freeman, who was the only one who correctly identified the birdy poem as authored by Dahlia Ravikovitch. For today, identify the tree pictured below. Put your answers in my box before lunch on Sunday! Don't forget to name the jeans for the Top Ten! I need that by lunch on Sunday, too.





# THE CRUMB

Summer Reading that Students Actually Read - Since 1920

Volume 82, Number 5

Monday, July 2, 2001

## Today's Tidbits

On July 2, 1839, enslaved Africans on board the Amistad attacked the captain and crew using sugar cane and knives. On the same day in 1964, LBJ signed into effect the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

## Today's Events:

Senior Meeting: 5:00, Blue Parlor  
Skipitares Begins: 7 PM Barn A  
Basketball: 7 PM

## Dinner Menu

Marinated Charbroiled Tuna  
Red Bean & Artichoke Gratin  
Arborio Rice & Black Pepper Sauce  
Spinach, Mushroom & Fennel Saute  
Honey Oat Bread  
Blueberry Pie

## Weather Report

Cool and partly Cloudy today, slightly warmer tomorrow. Continued partly cloudy on Wednesday.

### Congestion Clogs Arteries Near Inn

Please do not park on route 125 for more than a very short period of time. Please never park around or near the loading dock behind the Inn. And what's going on with the Barn Lot? The second row CAN park double, if they try. Please try to observe the sign at the barrier, and match it. Line up the front or rear of your car with the little sign on the barrier, and we'll be able to fit dozens more cars in that lot without having to fill the field.

### Seniors Turn Blue

Seniors—what's blue? The sky, the cover on your diploma, the ribbon on Gamaliel Painter's cane, and the Parlor where you MUST MEET today at 5 PM. You will decide on hooder(s), commencement speaker, and class officers. You will also begin the intricate process of logistical planning for your guests, the Banquet and your graduation costume.

### To Dial 911

If you need to dial 911 for an emergency, do NOT dial 9-911. Also, pay phones will dial 911 for free. Follow any 911 call with a call to the Front desk, (ext. 2700, not 0) or call the Front Desk straightaway.

### Don't Skip-a This

Tonight at 7 PM, open to all, award-winning theater artist Theodora Skipitares will show slides and video and discuss her work. She is a writer/director who uses live actors, music, and puppets of all kinds. Her work has been performed around the world. Everyone is invited to attend this presentation, which will be held in Barn A.

Following the presentation, at about 8 PM, Theodore will begin her workshop, which will meet Monday-Friday evenings this week. There is still a little room in this workshop, for which you'll find a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the office.

### Emergency Call for Madrigals

Perennial student Vivian Axiotis begs someone, anyone, to lead the madrigalists. She's not the only one looking to save this time-honored group. Jonathan Freeman, off duty this summer to be wed, might be so overcome with his desire to return to the mountain that he'll call off the nuptials! We can't let his "I do," or our small voice in the wilderness, be stilled. HELP!

### Computer Courtesy

**PAY the Printer!** This is still the best deal since the Dutch bought Manhattan for \$24. Please don't forget. Also, if you are doing personal email, and the computer center becomes clogged, please be polite and return later to finish your mail.

### How do you Spell Yes? "I.E.S."

The Independent Educational Services (that's the private school job market) will be on campus conducting interviews tomorrow in the Inn West Seminar Room (you pass it on the way to the Library). Sign up for 30-minute interviews at the BL Office. Call Claire Chapoton, at 800-257-5102 for more information.

### Nothing Little About Them

Tomorrow night from 7-8:30 in Barn 1, Susan and Torch Lytle will be speaking about educational issues today. Susan Lytle is on the faculty at the Graduate School of Education, University of Pennsylvania. Director of the master's and doctoral programs in Reading/Writing/Literacy, she teaches courses in theories of reading, research in the teaching of writing, practitioner inquiry, and teach English/literacy in secondary and middle schools. Over the past 15 years, she has been working with communities of urban teachers focused on investigating practice, related literacy, language, and issues of social justice. Much of this work has been developed through the Philadelphia Writing Project, an urban site of the NWP, which fosters programs supporting teachers as writers, researchers, reformers, and school district leaders. She is co-editor of the Practitioner Inquiry Series of Teachers College Press. Her current research involves a practitioner inquiry group of urban secondary teachers investigating teaching and teacher knowledge. "Torch" Lytle is superintendent of schools in Trenton, New Jersey, one of thirty cities engaged in court-mandated urban schools. This urban districts are receiving significant resources (more than \$4000 per pupil in additional aid). The "price" for schools and teachers is implementing a comprehensive School Reform model (e.g., Success for All), addressing state curriculum standards, improving student performance on mandated state test, etc. Before crossing the river to Trenton, Lytle had been an elementary, middle, and high school principal, research director and bureaucrat in the Philadelphia area. All welcome.

## Directors, Direct

Please don't forget to sign up for a Director's conference with Jim Maddox or Emily Bartels if you are new to the Vermont Bread Loaf campus. Sign up with Elaine in the Office.

## Hoops Hopes

Liam is hoping to meet lots of folks interested in going down to the gym for some basketball tonight at 7 PM. Please gather on the Porch.

## The Gospel Train is coming...

"git on board, little children, there's room for many a more." If you love to sing a cappella and harmonize with your fellow songbirds, join the Bread Loaf Gospel Choir. They will learn some Negro Spirituals, South African Gospel, as well as traditional and contemporary Gospel. They also need musicians and noisemakers with self-designed instruments. The rehearsals, the concert, and the afterglow promise to refresh you for months to come. Meet tomorrow in the Barn at 5 PM for an organizational meeting. Contact Carol Ann North, Box 2333, for more information, and don't forget to leave your own telephone number and address.

## Photo Phrolic

**Tomorrow, at 12:30, ALL STUDENTS MUST GATHER** across from the Inn for the All-School Photo, arranged by the inimitable Ed Brown. After lunch, Faculty will please gather again at the wall, immediately followed by staff. Seniors please gather on Wednesday at 12:30 on the Inn Porch, and BLTN please gather on the Inn Porch right after lunch. Waiters please gather briefly at 12:30 on Thursday. In case of rain, move everything back one day.

## De-stressing Sessions

Too many hours hunched over a computer? Too strenuous a game of ultimate? Suffering from writers' block? There are a variety of massage therapists, who are offering their services to the Bread Loaf community. Charlotte Kerr and Sally Burrell can be found at the Cornwall Clinic. Sally does Swedish and Deep Tissue massage, and Charlotte is a Certified Massage Therapist who does Swedish/Eslan massage, Foot Reflexology, Soft Tissue Release, and Neuro-muscular Reprogramming. Sign up for their hours at Cornwall. John Pitcher, CPP, RPT3 is a Wholistic Healing specialist, who primarily uses Swedish massage, but incorporates reflexology, shiatsu, and craniosacral and polarity therapy. John's number is 388-3269. Pat Schmitter, with a similar repertoire, can be reached at 388-6263.

## Strauss Relief

Two people are invited to join Beth Neely for a field trip to Tanglewood to hear the Boston Symphony Orchestra play Beethoven and Strauss on Friday, July 6. She's leaving after lunch. Contact Beth, Box 2350.

## Rissy Seeks Piano Man

Or woman! She's preparing for a Bread Loaf recital, and needs an accompanist. "A few rehearsals necessary." Contact Rissy Wolf through internal mail..

## Please, Take Our Kids! We'll pay you!

But only for a short period of time, because, after all, we kind of like them. In spite of our attachment, we would relish the chance to spend a more adult-like evening on our own. Bread Loaf parents (Big Slices) would love to have a list of people who would be willing to spend an evening with our children (one or two, time, of course). Please let Maggie (your Crumbly) know if you might be interested.

## Top Ten...What should we call "that thing" on the Inn Porch?

10. A Garden of One's Own (CG)
9. How I learned to stop worrying and love the Bomb (M)
8. "The green pants with no one in them"—Dr. Seuss (Dylan & Ben)
7. "Is that a flower in your pants, or are you happy to see me?" (JS)
6. "Mommy, why is my head green?" (M)
5. Time to do laundry, Ed (FD)
4. Mr. Greenjeans (DR)
3. Invitation, or A Gardener's Dream (CG, M)
2. Petal Pushers (PD)
1. Potted Pants (W)

**Next Top Ten: Top Ten courses that did not make it into the Bread Loaf Catalogue**

## Quotiddly Think:

Thanks to the many who could correctly identify the tree as a Tamarack, otherwise known as an American Larch. Joy MacVey, Carita Gardiner (& Christoph Oostenink), Kurt Broderson, and Jonathan Freeman got it. One thing to point out: People who are guessing from Cybercrumb could not even SEE it...that makes Freeman's guess all the more remarkable. He said he used, "Bread Loaf logic." Bread Loaf logic led to an even funnier guess, when one Cybercrumb fan guessed that it must be, "Ellen." I never thought of Ellen as a tree before, but that would explain a lot. Downright post-modern!

## Today's Question:

Identify the speaker of the following quote: "We can't all, and some of us don't. That's all there is to it."



# THE CRUMB

*"A Frightfully Specious Mix of Hearsay and Hullabaloo" --JM*

Volume 82, Number 6

Tuesday, July 3, 2001

## Today's Tidbit

"It is more fun to talk with someone who doesn't use long, difficult words but rather short, easy words like, "what about lunch?"" --Pooh (A. A. Milne)

## Today's Events:

**PHOTOS:**  
Faculty & Staff After  
Lunch  
Gospel Choir:  
5:00, Barn  
Lytes Speak:  
7 PM Barn 1

**Dinner Menu**  
Roast Leg of Lamb  
Spanikopita &  
Tomato Sauce  
Red Lentils & Veg.  
In Red Wine Sauce  
Potatoes, Peas,  
Carrots  
Focaccia  
Carrot Cake

## Weather Report

Cool and cloudy today (high 65 if the sun shows), thunderstorms and showers tomorrow and Thursday

### Battell Clock Found

While sifting through heaps of junk in the Attic, Director's Assistant Kurt Broderson found the clock which now hangs proudly over the Dining Hall door. A close inspection of the hand-writing on the brittle, yellowed label affixed to the back established its provenance as the property of Joseph Battell. Kurt dusted it off, and cleaned its works lovingly with Q-tips and saliva, but to no avail. Finally, he took it downtown for installation of battery works. And so it does. Ask Kurt.

### Urban Schooling Gets a Close Look

Educational leaders and reformers Torch and Susan Lytle will speak tonight from 7-8:30 in Barn 1. Torch, Superintendent of Schools in Trenton, New Jersey, will speak on "Coping with Complexity; Leading Urban School Reform." Susan, Professor at University of Pennsylvania, and Philadelphia Writing Project leader, will address "Building Inquiry Communities in and for K-12 Urban Schools" *All Welcome!*

### "Singin' and Swingin' and Gettin' Merry Like Christmas"

All those interested in making joyous noises through a variety of Gospel music led by Carol Ann North, please report to the barn at 5 pm today for an organizational meeting.

### Phurther Photo Phun

**Phaculty**, please join Ed Brown at the stone wall immediately following today's lunch. The **staff** photo will follow on the heels of the faculty one. **Seniors**, please report to the Inn Porch on Wednesday at 12:30 for your class photo. **BLTN** go to the porch right after lunch Wednesday. **Waitstaff**, make your dash for fame on Thursday, at 12:30. Rain pushes everything back one day.

### My I.E.S. Mess

My apologies to everyone who was inconvenienced by my overeager message in the Crumb. I.E.S. will be here a week from today, but you can go in anytime to sign up with Elaine for half-hour interviews.

### Phield Trip Phriday

Beth Neely will drive you to Lenox on Friday, after lunch. You'll get to enjoy a terrific concert of Beethoven and Strauss, performed by the Boston Symphome Orchestra, at Tanglewood. She has space for two. Contact Beth at Box 2350.

### Soccer Kicks Off

Anyone interested in getting a kick out of the evenings, come to the big field at 7:30 on Wednesday and Thursday nights. All are welcome. Contact Scot Slaby for more information.

### To: The Editor, The Crumb

Occasionally, people have something to say. The views in this column are welcomed as conversation inspiration, but do not necessarily reflect the views of the Editor.

Dear Editor:

For all the allegorical message of *The Sixth Sense* (which might have been considered quite powerful if it weren't so unclear in the particulars), there is one manner in which the film fails unequivocally. This has to do with its making, specifically with the actual person who plays the character Cole. Haley Joel Osment, a child, was asked to portray/ experience among other things: terrific fear; very adult situations and language; crying on the spot (real tears or not); urinating in front of the camera; discussions of death, hangings, and so on; and, at least occasionally, to be in the presence of characters who were the victims of violent death. Further, child actors are actors — paid to do a job, one just as grueling as it is for any actor on the set. In my estimation, it is morally wrong to subject children to such things purposely — it is, in fact, abuse. Just as we should not 'harm animals in the making of a film' (something that still occurs), we should not knowingly put children in the face of harm.

for the sake of entertainment (even 'high' entertainment). We should remember Jackie Cooper's experience as a child actor — his description of how we was made to cry on film is recounted in his autobiography, *Please Don't Shoot My Dog* — as a mistake, just as we should consider child labor in coal mines earlier in this century. No mention was made of Osment's welfare in popular reviews of the film or during his nomination for an Academy Award; I find this abhorrent. It is especially ironic given the subject matter of the film.

Charles Byrne

### Ask Old Piney

Once again this summer, the *Crumb* is pleased to present our local advice columnist, Old Piney. Questions can be submitted c/o the *Crumb*; please keep them brief so that Piney can fashion an adequate reply in the space provided.

Dear Old Piney:

Why are there two dormitories named after the same kind of tree (Tamarack and Larch)? And why is Tamarack up on a hill?

Signed, Ellen

Dear Ellen:

What an appropriate question to ask! Legend has it that the Tamarack dormitory was built following the Great Flash Flood of '44, during which Johnson Pond swelled up well beyond its banks and submerged the better part of the Bread Loaf campus.

At the time, visiting scholar Lucia Kravitzniak and her daughter Tamara were caught unsuspectingly playing frisbee on the fields. Rather than clamber atop the Inn for safety when the deluge began (that's what the cupola is for), the two women swam to a relatively dry spot further east of the campus. For three days and three nights, mother and daughter camped atop the knoll, and constructed a makeshift cabin from branches and the battered planks of Adirondack chairs which washed upon their shores.

By the time the floodwaters finally receded, Tamara had become somewhat feral, and insisted on remaining in the shack. Lucia, frightened by her daughter's rain-induced mania, trundled over the muddy fields to return to campus. A doctor was called up from Middlebury and a rescue party sent out a day or so later, but by then Tamara was gone. Some say she fled into the woods and lives there still, occasionally startling a Bread Loafer who chances across her path.

In memory of the missing girl, a small cross was erected on the hilltop with the inscription "Tamara K." When the shack finally crumbled in a winter nor'easter several years later, a new dormitory was built on the spot, and today still bears the misspelled name "Tamarack."

One other theory suggests that Tamarack was built on a hill to give the ladies who live there a tactical advantage during attacks and raids by the Men of Annex, but I've been unable to unearth evidence suggesting any such rivalry between the two dormitories or their denizens.

### Quotiddly Think Claimed By Two

Both Kurt Broderson and Gary Montano correctly identified Eeyore as the speaker of yesterday's quote, "We can't all, and some of us don't. That's all there is to it." Mark Valentine suggests that the pessimistic donkey may have paraphrased his words from Hemingway. Hm.

### Today's Question:

**Which of the following place names is not real?** Submit your answer (hint: two are fake) to Maggie the Crumbly by tomorrow breakfast. Have fun!

Climax, Colorado  
Waterproof, Louisiana  
Lizard Lick, North Carolina  
Knock 'em Stiff, Ohio  
Joe, Montana  
Embarrass, Wisconsin  
Intercourse, Pennsylvania  
Why, Arizona  
Idiotville, Oregon  
Why Not, Mississippi  
Hell, Michigan  
Toadsuck, Arkansas  
Noodle, Texas  
Satan's Kingdom, VT  
George, Washington

### Top Ten Underway

The *Crumb* has already received a few excellent submissions for this week's Top Ten, Courses that did not make it into the Bread Loaf Catalogue. Keep 'em coming!



# THE CRUMB

*Celebrating Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Caffeineness*

Volume 82, Number 7

Wednesday, July 4, 2001

## Today's Tidbit

On this date in 1845, Henry David Thoreau began his two-year stay at Walden in Massachusetts. Henceforth, Bread Loaf will observe "Walden Day" rather than "Independence Day" on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. As an initial gesture toward this celebration, deer will be served in the Dining Hall tonight.

## Today's Events:

LTN PHOTO  
After Lunch  
Director's Reception:  
5:00, Treman  
Soccer:  
After dinner, field

## Dinner Menu

Braised Venison or Veg. Stew with Turtle Beans and Okra, Pasta  
Ice cream

## Weather Report

The Weather Channel issued a "wet wiener warning" for potential BBQists this evening; thundershowers a possibility. Showers predicted for tomorrow.

### Liberty Bell Restored by Leo

Leo, our leading libertarian, discovered a Loyalist plot to abscond with the clapper from our bell, which has guided us to many a tavern meeting. Leo tracked the thieves, repossessed the clapper while the Loyalists snored, and put it in its rightful place. Huzzah!

### Senior Portrait Postponed

Due to the unfortunate necessary absence of one senior, the Senior picture has been postponed until 12:30 on Monday. **BLTN** please gather immediately after lunch today. If it is raining, the portraits scheduled for today will be made on **FRIDAY**. (Fast-riding Edward has been called to deliver Gen'l Washington's teeth tomorrow.)

### Follow the Torch

Torch Lytle will be in the Barn tomorrow to continue the conversation about leading urban school reform: 11 AM-12:15, and 2 PM-3:15. Susan Lytle will be in the Barn to continue her discussions about building inquiry communities in and for urban schools tomorrow from 2 PM-3:15.

### Founding Father Fetes a Few

This afternoon at 5 PM is the first of a summer-long series of Wednesday Directors' Receptions held at Treman, the big yellow house on the other side of the street. Each Wednesday, one sixth of the community receives an invitation from Jim to share in a dress-up moment. By the end of the summer, all will have had their opportunity to bask in the glow of greatness, and to eat cashews, long held to be the food of the founders.

### Revolutions per Minute, Cycling

Josh Spitzer, Annex Cycling Guru, invites cyclists and cyclers of ALL SORTS to an organizational meeting of the BLCC (Bread Loaf Cycling Conference) at 5 pm on Thursday in the Barn.

### Sons and Daughters of M. Litt. Meet In Secret Parlor (Code Name "Blue")

All current M. Litt. participants (you know who you are) are invited to a meeting this Thursday at 5 PM in the Blue Parlor. Please attend to discover who are the other members of this clandestine cell, to ask questions of your leader, and to bond with each other in your oppression.

### How to Say Yes to Noh

Thursday and Friday afternoons, from 2-5 in Barn A, Marsha Paludan, a specialist in Asian Theater Arts, will present a history of Kyogen (a medieval comic form which makes up part of the Noh Theater), and demonstrate some of the techniques to the Improvisation class. All are invited to observe. Marsha Paludan is a Professor of Movement at the Univ. of North Carolina, Greensboro. She has performed Kyogen across the US and at the National Noh Theater in Tokyo.

### Scot Spots Soccer Spot

Men and women unite to compete in a newly Americanized game tonight and tomorrow night at 7:30 on the near forty.

### "Culvert Repair" Only Slight Detour on the Road to Freedom

Beginning July 9, Red-Coats will be slowing traffic over the culvert bridge near our campus on Route 125. There will be delays, they say. Commander Jim Maddox advises skirting the Red-Coats altogether (thus subvert their plans to sabotage our traffic flow) by heading out the road past the Barn, turning left onto the dirt road, and reconnecting with 125 slightly further down the hill.

### Last Chance to Be With Us or Agin' Us

Champion of Liberty Elaine Lathrop reminds us that Friday is the dead-line to drop or add courses.

### Wave 'er the Blue Form

Leader of the Many Dianne Baroz reminds us that Blue Waiver Forms from First-Year students are due by Friday, too. Please give the form to Dianne if you haven't already done so.

### Gay Common Sense

Several people have expressed an interest in continuing the tradition of a gay/bi/lesbian group on campus. If you might be interested in organizing meetings, social hours, or events for such a group, please drop the Crumb a note.

### Weekend Meals Resolved at the Negotiating Table

The final, definitive times for weekend meals were resolved when last-minute concessions were made providing for times more consistent with weekday hours. Breakfast: 8-9 AM, Self-serve

Lunch: 12:45-1:30, Self-serve

Dinner (Fri & Sat): 6:00-6:45 Self-serve. Remember that waiter-service begins at 6 PM Sunday night, so please be on time for dinner.

Weekday hours remain the same as they were yesterday: Breakfast at 7:30 AM, Lunch at 12:45 PM, and Dinner at 6 PM.

### Never Forget

Librarian Brent Goeres invites us all to peruse the collection of archival photographs and other goodies on the table opposite the Library fireplace; part of an exhibit entitled, Bread Loaf, 1870-1943. Ever wonder what the Inn actually looked like when Joseph Battell was alive to wind his own clock?

### Quotiddly Think

Director's Assistant Kurt Broderson has jumped out to an early lead as Chief Tiddly, with the definitive determination that Why Not, Mississippi does not exist. It turns out that this is the only one, as he was able to prove to me that one I had concocted (I believed out of whole cloth), did, in fact, exist. Doesn't he have anything better to do? I'd love to know how "Knock 'em Stiff" got its name.

**Today's Question:** The Guards at the Tower of London were (and are) paid partially in pints of ale. How many pints per day? (a. 1-3 b. 4-6 c. 7-9 d. 10-12) Please submit your answer to the Crumb, internal mail, by dinner tonight.

### Top Ten Dead-line Set

This week's Top Ten will be distributed on Friday (and not Monday), as I will be out of town early next week. As a result, please have your submissions to me by 5 pm Thursday (tomorrow). Thanks!

JACOBSON





# THE CARING CRUMB

*A Guide to Our Inner Selves—Since 1920*

Volume 82, Section 8

Thursday, July , 2001

## Today's Tidbit:

"Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love."  
--Lao Tzu (6<sup>th</sup> c. BCE)

## Today's Events:

M. Litt. Meets  
5, Blue Parlor  
Kyogen Begins  
2-5, Barn A  
Cycling Conf.  
5, Barn  
Soccer:  
dinner, field

## Dinner Menu

Grilled Trout  
Almondine, or  
Yellow Lentils &  
Fennel  
Duchess Potatoes  
Beans & Squash  
Sponge Cake &  
Lemon Sauce

## Weather Report

Rain today, changing to partly cloudy and cool for tomorrow and the foreseeable future.

Today's Crumb is a warm fuzzy thing, a sweet bit o' comfort on a drizzly day. This is a Crumb in touch with its feelings, and yours.

### Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow

This afternoon, Torch and Susan Lytle will be in the Barn to continue their conversations about their strategies for urban school reform from 2-3:15. They encourage you to open up about some of your own urban teaching experiences.

### Just Say Noh

This afternoon and tomorrow afternoon, from 2-5 in Barn A, Marsha Paludan will present a history of and introduction to Kyogen, the medieval comic form which makes up part of Noh Theater. Ms. Paludan, a Professor of Movement at the Univ. of North Carolina, and internationally known Kyogen performer, will lead Carol MacVey's Improvisation class. All are welcome to observe.

### M. Litt. Blues

All current M.Litt. participants who are curious about who else is nutty enough to return to the mountain and start over, please report to the Blue Parlor today at 5 PM. Jim and Emily will be there to schmooze, answer any questions you may have, and provide psychological counseling for those who feel as helpless in the face of Bread Loaf as iron filings do when faced with a magnet.

### The Cycle of Life

Anyone interested in riding a bike on or off the mountain this summer, please meet with Cycling Guru Josh Spitzer today at 5 PM at the Barn. The Bread Loaf Cycling Conference is for all levels and all moods.

### Self-Determination Tomorrow

Dianne and Elaine remind us that tomorrow is IT for dropping or adding, and for first-year students to return their blue waiver forms.

### Gilmore Guys' Good Neighbor Policy

According to Scot Slaby (publications head for State Farm Insurance), Gilmore is, this year, really just a bunch of sensitive guys sitting around on their porch talking about...well, literature. And yes, how they feel about it. The warmer, fuzzier, more emotive Gilmore continues its tradition tonight at 9.

### Analyze This: You'll Feel Better

The last film got analyzed without even asking for it, but I guess that's because this is Bread Loaf. What else do we do on a Friday night, but analysis? Check out whether or not you believe laughter is the best medicine at 9 PM in the Barn, with two of our favorites, Billy Crystal and Robert DeNiro. This film is great fun, as a mobster (DeNiro) seeks counseling (Crystal) to cure his sensitive side.

### Campus-wide Bonding Over Outdoor Repast—Frost Picnic Saturday Dinner

Since Robert Frost was known for his warm, encouraging, and welcoming sentiments at the Bread Loaf Campus, we all go down to his place, the Homer Noble Farm and Frost Cabin, for a Picnic Supper to revisit the past and get to know each other a little better. Tours of the Cabin, complete with anecdotes about the real Frost, will be led by Beth Harris. You need a special meal ticket to get into this one! Pick up tickets (at no extra charge) at the Front Desk beginning after lunch today.

### Buying Books Always Helps

Need a little extra romance in your life? Stop by the book sale at the Peasant Market at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on the Green in Middlebury, Sat. July 7th from 9am - 3pm. Lots of used books at ridiculously low prices including a complete set of the Yale Shakespeare and a complete set of the works of Mark Twain. Lunch is available and there are toys, stuffed animals, and a midway for the kids. For more information contact Joe McVeigh (BL Alaska) on BreadNet or at 388-1244.

### **A Little Lookin' Out for the Other Guy**

Okay, let's have a little healing through letting it all out. While we may feel comfortable taking risks and/or liberties, sometimes those risks endanger others and make their jobs more difficult or even impossible. Please consider this fact: We seem unable to find the strength within ourselves to make a double row of parked cars where it is indicated to do so, and instead have begun to park in a double row near the Barn. We need to ask ourselves why this is so. Do we subconsciously WANT to prevent delivery and fire vehicles from approaching the Barn? Where are the visual learners when you need them? Does no one have the courage to do it right? And why do we continue to park near the back of the Inn? Do we secretly wish we couldn't eat? And what's with 125? Is parking on someone else's front lawn a suppressed desire? Or do you miss hopping out of your car into speeding urban traffic? We could do with a little lookin' out for the other guy.

### **Cars Need Love, Too**

Mara Taylor will sell you her 2000 Toyota Corolla, with less than 20,000 miles on it, for \$12,000. Please internal or e-mail her if you are interested.

### **Yoga: Not Your Average Bear**

Please check the bulletin board weekly for on-campus yoga led by Trixie and whoever else wants to lead. Times may vary.

### **It Don't Mean a Thing...**

...if you ain't got that swing—and you want it. Come to the Barn at 8:30 PM Saturday for a basic swing dance class taught by Swingmaster Beth Harris. Beth is also looking for someone who already knows some swing and can Lindy with her to stay in dancing form this summer.

### **Help for the Sleep Deprived**

While it is important to maintain contact with your wider support network off campus, please, please, please finish up your hallway phone conversations by 11 PM so people whose rooms are near the phone can sleep.

### **We All Feel Cut Off From Time to Time**

Have you ever been in the middle of a phone conversation and the line just goes dead? Panic. Everyone is hanging up on you without saying goodbye. Remember when they said they'd never abandon you? But seriously, there is a major problem with the entire (main campus included) phone system, which the powers that be are trying to solve. Are you feeling out of control yet?

### **Meditations on the Middle Way**

Buddhist (Vipassana) Meditation Classes will be led by Abra Chernik on Sundays from 8:45-9:45 PM and Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 PM, in or near Barn A. Meditators of all faiths and levels are welcome. Each class will offer meditation instruction, a group sitting, and a dharma teaching, integrating mindfulness into different aspects of our lives. Please bring a pillow and a blanket.

### **Dance Your Pants Silly**

If cycling, yoga, urban school reform, books, Kyogen, meditation, analysis, laughter, and just plain settin' haven't cured what ails ya, get on over to the Barn on Saturday night from 9 PM-1 AM to wiggle and giggle until your troubles are gone, gone, gone. DJs Jiggy Duggie, Abra CaDabra Mix-tress of the Night, and Julie the Jewel, will provide music that just won't let you sit and mope.

### **The Ball Can't Hurt You – It's Soft**

Weather permitting, remember that Sunday at 2 PM is softball time. What better way to meditate on the meaning of life?

### **Quotiddly Think**

Okay, all y'all, time to participate! Yesterday was a multiple guess! You just going to let Kurt walk away with this thing? For the second day in a row, Kurt was the only attempt. And yes, guards at the Tower get paid partially in pints, EIGHT of them per day!

### **Today's Question:**

Identify the author of the following warm and fuzzy quote:  
"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."

### **Don't Just Beat Your Breast, Beat Breast Cancer**

A good friend of mine, who beat breast cancer seven years ago, will be walking in a 3-Day, 60 mile "Bear Mountain to Manhattan" walk to fight breast cancer, sponsored by Avon. Please see Maggie the Crumb (or drop me a note) if you'd be interested in sponsoring her efforts.



# DIALECTICRUMB

*Situating The Happening Since 1920*

Volume 82, Number 9

Friday, July 6, 2001

## Today's Tidbit:

**Between This Life, the Last One and the Next One:**

On this day in 1935, Tenzin Gyatso, later named the reincarnation of a great Buddhist spiritual leader Dalai Lama, was born. He had to flee Tibet when it was annexed by China, and now lives in India.

## Today's Events:

Movie:  
9 PM, Barn

### Inner Menu

Stuffed Pork Chops and Applesauce  
Eggplant-mushroom  
Pasticcio  
Fresh Tomato, Basil & Mozzarella Salad  
Boston Brown Bread  
Boston Cream Pie

## Weather Report

Partly Cloudy and cool for now and the foreseeable future.

Today's Crumb is a theoretical thing, which asks you to consider that ultimate Bread Loaf question, where does the action actually act? You'll find the answer to this and many other burning questions in The Crumb. So where does the happening happen?

### Between You and Ed Brown

Monday's Crumb will be guest-edited by Ed Brown & the Front Desk (watch out!), and the text of Tuesday's Crumb will be prepared by Beth Harris & Kurt Broderson, Directors' Assistants. I hereby absolve myself of any responsibility for what they might say or do...and wish you a fortunate and fun-filled weekend! **If you have notices for the Crumb, including quiz answers, please send them to Ed.**

### Between You and The Reader

Director Jim Maddox asked me to post the following message: "If you were absent from Gilmore last night, you missed the opportunity of a lifetime."

### Between You and the Rest of The World

Does your phone keep hanging up on your conversation? The downtown phone system (which includes ours) has run amock, and Verizon (ahem) claims to be working on it. Anyone for a breath-holding competition?

### Between You and The Food

Just a reminder that mealtimes are now officially set:  
Weekdays: Breakfast 7:30, Lunch 12:45, and Dinner 6:00  
Weekends (self-serve, Friday night through Sunday lunch): Breakfast 8-9, Lunch 12:45-1:30, and Dinner 6-6:45

### Between The Gospel & The Waitstaff

The Gospel Choir will inspire and, to some extent, be joined in their rehearsal by the waitstaff, as they hold a critical practice in the Dining Hall this afternoon at 4:45. Every minute counts, as the concert is on July 23.

### Between The Mobster & The Shrink 9 PM, in the Barn \*

### Between The Master & The Masses

Robert Frost posthumously hosts the annual Homer Noble Farm Picnic this Saturday at 6. It'll take about 20 minutes to walk there. Head out 125 toward Ripton, past Earthworm Manor, and then take your first right. Walk up the long dirt driveway until you reach the Farm (currently inhabited by Jonathan Freedman and Sara Blair). Do not drive, as it's a nice walk, and there will be no place to park. For those in need, the Front Desk and/or the Assistants will drive a van to the site. Stop by the Front Desk to pick up your special meal ticket! Enjoy a lovely place, tours of the Frost Cabin, good food and cameraderie. Don't forget your bug goo and perhaps something to sit on if you are allergic to grass.

### Between The Puppets & The Epic

At 8:00-8:30 Saturday night in Barn A, students who have been working with Theodora Skipitares will make a brief presentation of highlights from *The Odyssey*.

### Between The Dancers & The Beat

At 8:30 PM in the Barn on Saturday, Swing-dance wizard Beth Harris will teach a basic swing workshop. No dance partner or experience necessary! From 9:30 until 1, Jiggy Douggie, Abra CaDabra, and the Jewel will make your bottom wiggle as they rock the Barn. So get your laptop off your lap top and get your lap off to the Dance! It's happening.

### Between You and the Blue

There are still two spaces open to read at the Blue Parlor on Sunday night! Sign up to read in a friendly environment, with an eager audience. The Blue Parlor Reading will be Sunday night at 7:30.

### Between Us

At 9 PM on Sunday, an open discussion of homosexuality in schools and colleges will take place in the Blue Parlor.

## Between The Muses & The Madrigalists

Thanks to Sandy Mills and Jay Crawford-Kelly, who have volunteered to lead the Bread Loaf Madrigals this summer. The first rehearsal will be Monday at 5 PM in the Barn.

## Between The Director & The School

Join Jim Maddox, Emily Bartels, and the rest of the community in the Annual Awards Banquet, to be held at Monday's Dinner. There, Jim will present the named scholarships and professorships to members of our community.

## Between The Author & The Audience

Don't miss creative-writing faculty member Jonathan Strong reading from his work, Monday at 7:15 in the Barn.

## Between The Master and The Voice

Monday night at 10 PM, a gathering of any interested voices will appear on the lawn at Robert Frost's Cabin (I recommend walking down together to share flashlights) to read from Frost's poetry. Check out a few of the anthologies from the Library, and bring them along. Which is your favorite?? Read it out. This moment takes on a séance-like feel, with the distinct possibility of a visitation from the master himself.

## Between Kurt and Gary

Okay, so now there are TWO leaders in the daily quiz, but they are not so far ahead that the rest of you can't catch up! Let's bring them back to reality! Kurt and Gary both kindly, gently, and correctly identified the author of yesterday's quote as Ralph Waldo Emerson.

**Today's Quotidly Think:** What current Bread Loaf student was married on the West Lawn during a summer session?

## Between The Top Ten Question and The Comic Self

Thanks to all who submitted entries to the Top Ten Competition. There were zillions of fabulous ones, so the Committee had to stay up all night to try to determine what should be in the Big Ten today.

### Courses That Did Not Make it Into the Bread Loaf Catalogue Include:

10. **Mosquito Metacognition: Do They Know They Are Biting Us?** (LB)
9. **From Nantucket to Madras: The Post-colonial Geography of the Limerick** (CG)
8. **A Day in the Life:** An Acting Workshop to perform Joyce's *Ulysses* in real time. (CG)
7. **Forest Phallusies: Sometimes a Tree is Just a Tree** (KB)
6. **Opening Remarks in the Age of Emily: Political Transitions in Academia** (KB)
5. **Gastroaudiology and the Edible Complex**

A course geared toward learning the discipline required to silence one's own stomach in studious and intimate quarters after lining said stomach with day after day of rich Bread Loaf cuisine. Final exam includes sitting for three hours in sheer silence. Students are advised in advance that all jokes about "gas participation" will be frowned upon. (TH)

## 4. Applied Ellison and Wells: The Critical "The" in Literature

This class explores the differences between Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man* and H.G. Wells's *The Invisible Man*, and how to avoid ever getting into an extended and ultimately humiliating conversation in which each participant erroneously believes they are discussing one and the same book. (TH)

## 3. Broken Dryer Haiku Writing

Class will explore new and unusual ways of describing and otherwise depicting this common laundry room ailment, to help students to transcend, in a mere seventeen syllables, the cliched "this one doesn't dry." Priority will be given to those students who have already demonstrated proficiency in Dry Poetry Writing. (TH)

## 2. Hitchcockian Immersion

Rather than merely viewing Hitchcock's films in the screening room, students will gradually be thrust into a full-scale virtual reality of Hitchcockian circumstance. Beginning with the initially-innocent presence of the birds on the Inn front porch, and the addition of several steps on the Annex fire escape to reach precisely 39, the class will wind up on a delightful field trip to the Mt. Rushmore replica behind the Barn. This class is crosslisted as "Hitchcock" (Freedman). (TH)

## 1. Dining Room Semiotics

This class will explore the multiple systems which manifest themselves in the dining room in order to convey that a particular table has been reserved by an individual. Ranging from the elementary, rather primitive "utensil-cross" and "chair-lean-to," to more elaborate systems such as spelling out in mud, "TAKEN," this class will almost certainly put the "sauce" back in "Saussure"! (TH)

Okay, you're giggling?? Thinking you might like to get in on the fun? You deserve a bonus:

### The Intellectual G-Spot: Probing the Boundaries of Pub(l)ic Discourse.

E. Bartels (Annex)

**Homer-erotic: Patriarchal Sexuality in The Iliad, The Odyssey, and The Simpsons** (Annex)

And an Encore?

## Four Hundred Pages of Friggin' Literature

In this class, students will read four hundred pages total per class meeting, derived from any and all Bread Loaf classes. This class is designed primarily to enable students to chat with all fellow students on some level or another, without sounding either pretentious or clueless, and without feeling that they are "missing out" on anything Bread Loaf has to offer academically. Students will roam from class to class. The "Green Ribbon Greeters" will be between classes to remind them of where to go next, and of the century and cultural milieu with which they will be dealing next. (TH)

**NEXT WEEK'S TOP TEN: Top Ten Pick-up Lines Heard at a Bread Loaf Dance**





# THE CRUMB?

*We don't let the truth get in the way of a good story*

Volume 82, Number 10

Monday, July 9, 2001

## Today's Events:

5 p.m. Singing  
7:15 p.m. Reading  
9 p.m. Gathering

## Dinner Menu:

N.Y. Strip Steaks  
Baked Manicotti in  
Tomato Sauce  
Roasted Red Potatoes  
Broccoli & Baby  
Carrots  
Bread  
Fruit Tart

## Today's Tidbit:

In 1842, Nathaniel Hawthorne and his bride Sophia Peabody move into the Old Manse in Concord, MA, to find a garden already plowed for them by Thoreau.

Today's Birthdays:  
Dorothy Thompson (1894)  
David Diop (1922)

## Today's Deathdays:

Edmund Burke (1797)  
Georges Bataille, ("The Solar Anus") (1962)

## Weather Report

Same as Friday and every day before that: Maybe good, Maybe bad, Lots of bugs.

## Editor's Disclaimer, or Is It Editors'?

Everyone should be allowed one mistake, and in this case, I am not talking about anything I incorrectly print in the Crumb; instead, I'm talking about Maggie and the poor judgment she used in asking me, Edward Brown (which also means the rest of the Front Desk staff) to guest write an edition of the Crumb. We at the Front Desk laud Maggie for a great job. Please accept our limitations, however large they are. Remember: we're not Maggie.

## Madrigals

The Madrigals will practice in the Barn today at 5 p.m. Enough said.

## Jonathan's Strong Reading

Tonight in the Barn at 7:15, Jonathan Strong will read from his most recent novel, "A Circle Around Her," published by Zoland Press. Jonathan teaches at Tufts in his real life (as opposed to his Bread Loaf life) and his most recent novels are "The Old World" and "Offspring." Jonathan teaches Creative Writing and is currently in his second summer teaching on the Mountain.

## Crouching Mud'ina, Hidden Blanket

"Feeling chilly at night? Beware! Deadbolt your doors! Secure your sheets? There is a Bread Loaf Blanket Thief on the loose. Smooth as iron, speedy as a cheetah—this larcener was last spotted in the Inn. Contact the Morsels if you have any information that will help cage this crafty creature."

## Metaphors, Metamorphosis, Morsels

Where has my blanket gone, the body of metamorphosis, the one of covert layers of appearances, of a timeless and sexless fluidity of forms, of the dual body of desire? This blanket may be in the ownership of transfigured minerals, animals, or in a movement that knows neither symbolic order nor fear of intimacy—only a vertiginous succession where owners lose themselves in ritual sequences and purloined commodities (contributed by Kalli, our resident German-as-a-second-language (GSL) professor).

## Drew Lecture? It Sounds Like the Goldman Lecture to Me!

Tomorrow night at 7:00, the annual Elizabeth Drew lecture will take place in the Little Theatre. Michael Goldman will speak on Shakespeare, Ibsen and Tragedy.

## Award-winning Dinner Tonight

Tonight, at the usual dinner hour of 6, we will have a most unusual dinner: Bread Loaf's annual awards and scholarship banquet. Included in the awards will be The Elizabeth Bailey Award. Betty herself says "that I'm alive to see it given and I plan to keep it that way! It also helps me stay at least one step ahead of Ed Brown's quest for Bread Loaf renown."

## Chicago "Bears and Chairs"

Janet Field-Pickering's "Bears and Chairs" Shakespeare Workshop on Wednesday from 7 p.m.-10 p.m. will have a natural breaking point at 9. We'll do a little Bears, do a little Chairs up until 9, then we'll continue to 10. There are many reasons for this; see her if you want more info about the break and the reasons why.

## A Good Visit

Dan Good, a friend of Bread Loaf and the Director, Center for Curriculum and Assessment, Office of Curriculum and Instruction, Ohio Department of Education, is, according to Jim Maddox, responsible for the presence of more than 5% of all students attending Bread Loaf this summer on the four campuses.

## Festival on the Green

This week is a wonderful opportunity to find out much of what Middlebury has to offer during the town's Festival on the Green. Activities kicked off with a Peasant Market on Saturday on the town Green. A highlight of the Market was Savannah Brown's gift from one of the merchants of a single purple and silver dress slipper, the only one they had, which Savannah wears rather proudly. Tonight's events include "Waldo and Woodhead: The Masters of the Mayhem" at 7 and "Louise Taylor with Band" at 8:30. Scheduled events are every day at noon and every evening at 7 through Saturday, July 14.

## Frost Gathering

Anyone interested in seeing Robert Frost's ghost or listening to a favorite Frost poem should gather on the Inn Porch at 9 tonight with flashlights for a hike to the Frost Cabin and then literary spirits brought on by Frost's immortal words. We think Christie Beveridge is in charge of organizing this even.

## Word of the Day: otiose

Submit your answer to Victoria.

## "Public Television"

I think I'm better off  
not watching so much of it. The knowledge  
I've acquired feels like a skill.  
But lately, I've been feeling bloated,  
full of tid-bits.

I've learned to accept the Universe  
as no longer the tranquil place  
we once believed.  
I look at the mailman  
in time-lapse exposures  
after last night's exposé  
on the anatomy of rage.

I think twice about strobe lights,  
holding them responsible  
for the hundreds of deaths  
from epileptic seizures.

When two ants collide head-on  
they tell everything about themselves.  
If there's food ahead.  
If the queen's happy.

Odds are against Earth  
being struck by a comet.  
Tonight, a panel of experts discuss  
methods of escape.

— Peter Newton

This Crumb staff, led by Victoria, welcomes creative submissions that Maggie may or may not publish, but we guarantee we'll read them and only laugh if they are laughable.

## Human Interest Story or "Valentine's Wistful Thinking"

Mark Valentine looks wistfully down Route 125 and thinks back on his inaugural visit to our fair mountain campus. Mark is a second-year Bread Loafer who is downright elated to be living on-campus this summer. But words don't come easily for Mark when he tries to recount his experience last summer. You see, last year Mark rented a room down in Middlebury and commuted. He did not bring his car. An avid cyclist, Mark thought little of peddling the 11½ miles to class each day. What he failed to realize was that Bread Loaf campus is perched some 2000 feet above sea level—a long way up from his valley digs. "I guess I should've glanced at that topographical map before I mailed in my deposit," jokes Mark in hindsight. To pass the time during his grueling 90-minute daily climbs Mark nicknamed the nine hills between East Middlebury and Bread Loaf, as follows: The Wall, Stepladder, Escalator, S-curves, Ripton's Tee, Maiden Voyage, Reichert's Rise, Surrender at the Top of Maddox' White House, and finally, Bread Loaf Rising. Despite a few close-calls on the road and having to spend 20 minutes in the Inn lobby bathroom freshening up for his morning class, Mark remains good-spirited about his ordeal. "I could've been killed," he recalls fondly: "I will never ride a bike again."

## Good (Remember 5%) Books List

Front Desker Kai, the seemingly most prolific reader on campus and former student of Edward Brown, has come up with five (not 5%) books that he has read and loved.

*Angels and Insects* — A. S. Byatt

*Empire Falls* — Mark Russo

*City of Glass* — Paul Auster

*The Recognitions* — William Gaddis

*Art and Lies* — Jeanette Winterson

We encourage our readers to share their loved books with the community (and maybe Maggie will print them, but if not, the Front Desk and Bookstore Heather would love to <sup>do</sup> them. Also, avoid the obvious, i.e., *Huck Finn*, *Catcher in the Rye*, and *American Psycho*.)

**Answer to Friday's Quotidly Think:** Kartik B. (I refuse to write out his last name because I would still be typing) was married on the West Lawn. A number of people gave me the right answer, but the only two who immediately come to mind are Kurt Broderson and Julie Lause. Interestingly, Kartik didn't give me an answer. Does that mean if he can't remember, it didn't really happen?

## Remember This Week's TOP TEN: Top Ten Pick-up Lines Heard at a Bread Loaf Dance (I don't know when they're due.)

A couple of good ones submitted by the Wait Staff:

- Role-play: You're Ellen, I'm Piney.
- Two paths diverged into a yellow wood. I'm wit chou.
- Is that a deer fly in your pocket, or are you just happy to see me?

## Wait Staff Pet Peeve Rant

5. The ambiguous answer to the removal of plate question and the ensuing tug of war.

4. The A.M. Miss America coffee-cup wave: elbow, elbow, wrist, wrist.

3. Robert Stepto's refusal to share his tabasco sauce with the rest of his table.

2. Is there more cream?

1. One word: Compost.

## Animal Sightings:

Mary Beth, Liz, Janice and Rhonda saw a moose on 125 at about 2 p.m. on July 6. They didn't say where, and the vague time reference leads this Crumb staff to question this report. Mara Taylor also saw one near Earthworm. The Front Desk thinks she actually saw Jim. Speaking of Jim, he reported either being attacked by a fox or seeing one. However, he wasn't spotted at the dance Saturday night. John Wihbey saw a fox with three mice in its mouth. Yeah, right. Victoria reports no personal moose sightings.

## Today's Trivia:

Which is the only day of the week to have an anagram?

Which English word contains five different personal pronouns?

Which is the only US state capital that shares no letters with its state?

On which continent do you find 3 monosyllabic countries, which countries are these?

What athlete appeared on the cover of *Time*, *Life*, *People* and *Sports Illustrated* in June 1988?

Submit answers to Victoria at the Front Desk by Tuesday at dinner.



# CRUMB & COKE

Reading Between the Lines

Volume 82, Number 11

Tuesday, July 10, 2001

## Dis Day's Drink:

### Damn-the-Weather

Cocktail:

1 T Sweet Vermouth  
1 oz Gin  
1 T Orange Juice  
1 t Triple Sec

Serve with cashews

## Today's Events:

Drew Lecture:  
7:15 PM, Barn  
Reception to Follow  
at Treman

## Dinner Menu

Moroccan Chicken  
Turkish Style Mixed Beans w/ Potatoes  
Corn on the Cob  
Sourdough Bread  
Blackberry Pie

We recommend a nice Pinot Grigio and a toothpick for the corn

## Weather Report

Tequila Sunrise:  
5:35 AM  
Skies:  
Frothy  
Caribbean Sunset:  
8:36 PM

## From Your Cruise Directors

No, there's no shuffleboard on the promenade deck, but today's Crumb was written by none other than your friendly Director's Assistants, Kurt Broderson and Beth Harris.

## Nothing Gold Can Stay

See Michael Goldman while he's here to present the annual Elizabeth Drew Memorial Lecture. Professor Goldman, of Princeton University, will be speaking about "Shakespeare, Ibsen and Tragedy."

## But Copper Cures What Ales You

Head to Treman after the Drew Lecture to meet more informally with Michael Goldman. You may not fully satisfy your thirst for knowledge, but your bartenders will be happy to help you quench your thirst for the local brew.

## A Toast to Hugh & John

Did you know that past Crumb Editor Hugh Coyle has received a significant promotion to Senior Supervising Editor at MacMillan-McGraw-Hill? Yup. And John Canaday, who preceded Hugh as Crumbmeister, recently won the Walt Whitman Poetry Prize from the Academy of American Poets, which includes \$5,000 cash, publication of his first book-length collection, *The Invisible World*, and a one-month residency at the Vermont Studio Center. Canaday has also published poems in *New England Review*, *The Paris Review*, *Raritan*, and *Slate*, among other journals and anthologies. He is a winner of the New Millennium Poetry Award and has been the Starbuck Fellow in Poetry at Boston University, a Watson Fellow in England, and a tutor to the Royal Family in Jordan. He has a Ph.D. in English (guess where he started his work on THAT?), teaches playwriting at Harvard Summer School, and tutors students in the Boston area in writing, literature, history, physics, chemistry, biology, and mathematics. His critical study, *The Nuclear Muse: Literature, Physics, and the First Atomic Bombs*, was published by the University of Wisconsin Press in 2000.

## Raise the Roof

The Bread Loaf Gospel Choir will rehearse today and tomorrow at 4:45 PM in the dining room in preparation for the concert Monday July 23. It's not too late to join Carolann & her rollicking choir.

## Checking Their IDs at the Door

The next few days will see a number of visitors to our watering hole. The Andover-Bread Loaf contingent will arrive Thursday. But we've got other friends in high and low places, including Bread Loaf alumni who continue to spout their educational expertise wherever they may be found. They've already started pouring in, so please pull up an extra stool or two at the bar and make them feel welcome.

## Of Beers & Cheers--Oops...

On Wednesday, from 7-10 in Barn A, Janet Field-Pickering will present "Of Bears and Chairs and Empty Space," a hands-on workshop on staging Shakespeare in the classroom. A few spaces may remain, so please see the sign up sheet outside the Bread Loaf office.

## Sometimes You Want to Go Where Everybody Knows Your Name

Just a reminder that if you wish to reserve a room for rehearsals, presentations, or special events, please see Elaine in the Bread Loaf office to sign up for your space and time.

## Take Me Out To The Ballgame

Mark Valentine has stepped up to the plate in our efforts to revive the tradition of minor league softball at Bread Loaf. Leo assures us that the Ripton teams are ready to play. Come out this Sunday at 2 PM to play a few innings before we issue our challenge to the locals. When Chester Scott caught Robert Frost's fly ball, old Robert chased Chester into the woods. We expect better behavior.

## Let Us Entertain You

This Friday we will be showing the Coen brother's *Fargo*. It is generally listed as a thriller and dark comedy, but some viewers won't find this story of a kidnapping gone awry particularly funny. It received two Academy Awards in 1996, for Best Screenplay and Best Actress, and was included in the American Film Institute's Top 100 Films of All Time. We'll be serving popcorn, but you need to provide your own cup and libations.

## Three Sheets to the Wind

Nu-Way Linens will be behind the Inn on Wednesday from 12 to 1 to collect your soiled bar towels and other assorted linens.

## Small Talk & Sparkling Conversations

Carolann North is interested in hearing from National Board certified teachers and from teachers whose schools use advisory groups. Please drop a note in her mailbox if you are interested in beginning a discussion of these issues.

## Overheard at the Bar

Don't forget to keep those submissions to this week's Top Ten coming in (Bread Loaf Pick-up Lines). If there aren't more creative entries, Kurt and Beth promise to tell Maggie what you really said last Saturday night.



*In the spirit of spirits, literature, and today's weather, match the drink with its ingredients, and the quote to the speaker.*



1.	2 oz Vodka 1 oz Kirschwasser 1 tsp Strawberry liqueur 5 Strawberries, fresh Schweppes russian	2.	3 shots Vodka Peach juice to taste 1 dash Vermouth 1 Lemon
3.	1 1/2 oz Light rum 1/4 oz Maraschino liqueur 3/4 oz Lime juice 1/4 oz Grapefruit juice	4.	7 oz Spiced rum (Captain Morgan's) 10 oz Coca-Cola 1 oz Lime juice
5.	1 1/2 oz Brandy 1 tsp Powdered sugar 1 Egg yolk	6.	3 shots Vodka 4 shots Whiskey Peach juice to taste dash Vermouth 1 Lemon
	A. Thunder-and-Lightning D. Hemingway Daiquiri		B. Foggy Morning E. Eye of the Storm
			C. A Midsummer Night's Dream F. Rainy Night
7.	We'll teach you to drink deep ere you depart.	G.	Oscar Wilde
8.	What's drinking? A mere pause from thinking	H.	William Shakespeare
9.	Work is the curse of the drinking class.	I.	Byron
10.	Always do sober what you said you'd do drunk. That will teach you to keep your mouth shut.	J.	Henny Youngman
11.	When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading.	K.	Ernest Hemingway

## Need a Mind Eraser?

Abra Chernik will be offering a meditation class Wednesday night from 7:30 to 8:30 in Barn 1. Abra says please bring a pillow and blanket.

## Make That A Double

If you're into something more tactile, sign up for a ~~10~~ massage at Cornwall. It's better than beer and cheaper than therapy. We've tried both.



# BASIC CRUMB

*It's not Even Funny --L. Maddox*

Volume 82, Number 12

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

**Today's tidbit:**  
Did you know that if you run "Goswami" through a spellchecker, it comes out "goose-warmer?"

**Today's Events:**  
Gospel Choir Rehearsal, 4:45, Dining Hall  
Director's Reception, 5 PM, Treman (by invitation)  
Soccer, after dinner, Field  
Bears & Chairs Workshop, 7-10 PM, Barn  
Meditation Class, 7:30 PM, Barn A

## Dinner Menu

Blue Marlin with Tomatoes & Capers  
Sherried Veggies  
Brown & Wild Rice  
Bread  
Ice Cream

## Weather Report

Partly this and that, chance of thunderstorms late in the day.

### Long-legged Fox Stares, Shrugs

A tall fox was seen on Route 125 near the road to the Sucker Brook Trail. It sauntered into the road, stared thoughtfully at a Bread Loaf student, shrugged, and returned to the place from which it had come.

Mary Beth, Liz, Janice, and Rhonda are willing to produce the photo of the moose they saw last weekend, should anyone wish to verify their account. Ed?

### Bears and Chairs: Not an On-Campus Wildlife Sighting

And it will not be in Barn A, either. Janet Field-Pickering's Shakespeare Workshop from 7-10 PM tonight will be in the Barn. Janet promises to keep a pathway to the snack bar open for devotees.

### A Big Bear

Vermont Commissioner of Education David S. Wolk made his first visit to campus today, to see what all the fuss is about. He attended the Bread Loaf Vermont presentation, held this morning in the Library. Kurt Broderson was wearing the tie he says he had long before Newt Gingrich wore it on the cover of TIME.

### A Visit from Paredes

Raymund Paredes, the Director of The Creativity and Culture Program of the Rockefeller Foundation, will be joining us on Thursday and Friday. He is especially interested in Bread Loaf's offerings in literature, writing, and the arts.

### A Visit from Whitaker

Julie Whitaker, Director of the Kentucky Writing Programs, Kentucky Department of Education, will be here today and tomorrow. She is responsible for the presence of many of our fine Kentuckians.

### A Visit from Valerie

Smith, that is. Valerie Smith, scholar of African-American Literature and Professor at Princeton, will also be with us through Friday. She has taught at Bread Loaf, and will be familiar to some of you. Look for Valerie Smith and Raymund Paredes as they visit with students and faculty on campus, and participate with some of our distinguished alumni in the Andover-Bread Loaf Conference held here Thursday and Friday.

### Our Heroes Return

Look for these worthy Bread Loaf alumni to (re)join us this week: Doug Wood, Executive Director of the Tennessee Board of Education; Ceci Lewis, BLTN National Leader & Moderator for AZ; Scott Christian, Director of Professional Education at Univ. of Alaska Southeast; and Lou Bernieri, Coordinator of the Andover/Bread Loaf/Lawrence Collaborative. They will be participating in a mini-conference, "Andover-Bread Loaf at Bread Loaf" on Thursday and Friday.

### I.E.S., At Last But No Less

Thursday brings the job market to the Mountain, when I.E.S. will be interviewing for positions in independent schools. Check with Elaine for times and locations.

### The Tenorman Just Doin' What Feels Good

Plan to attend Friday night's staged reading of David Huddle's novella, *Tenorman*. Directed by Barry Press and featuring the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble's Brian McEleney, Sean Meehan, Cindy Rosenthal, and Anne Scurria, the reading is a jazz-like interpretation and encapsulation of the novella for four voices. 7:30 PM in the Burgess Meredith Theater.

### More Doin' What Feels Good

Meditation class tonight in Barn A from 7:30-8:30 PM. Abra asks that you please bring a pillow and blanket.

### Rain or Shine, Soccer's Fine

Scot reminds us that soccer will happen tonight, after dinner, on the Field, no matter what.

### Take the Road Less Travelled

Save yourself the aggravation of waiting in Route 125, and leave campus by the back way...out past the Barn and take a left.

### Take to the Road for Orr

Sign-ups for the Charlie Orr Fun Run begin outside the Dining Hall today. You need not even be able to run the three miles to enjoy this event. Everyone can participate, from those who will run it to WIN, to those who just want to see if they can keep trotting for the whole thing, to those who will walk. The point is to have fun, buy a t-shirt, and support the scholarship in memory of Charlie Orr.

## And Now, It's WimbleLoaf!

Sign-ups for a chance to play in our unique clay/grass combo tennis tournament end Friday. Check the bulletin board outside the Dining room. The family of Eastern Bluebirds nesting in the wires of the courts have the best (and most comfortable!) seats in the place.

## Awards Draw a Crowd

The Annual Awards Banquet on Monday night saw the following students and faculty receive honors:

Reginald and Juanita Cook Scholarship: Anne Decker

Norman Christensen Memorial Scholarship: Abra Chernik

Beth Cubeta Scholarship: Sarah McGrath Haage

Kathleen Downey Scholarship: Julie Hansen

Margaret Fielders Scholarship: Tim Horvath

Brent Goeres Scholarship: Catherine Jarmin

Larry Holland Scholarship: Lenke Wood

John M. Kirk, Jr. Scholarship: Jason Tandon

Charlie Orr Scholarship: Carol Ann North

Dulcie Scott Scholarship: Tim Plaehn

Ruth Walzer Scholarship: Mara Taylor

Robert Frost Professor: Alan Macvey

The Frank & Eleanor Griffiths Chair: Andrea Lunsford

## Quotidly Think:

**What famous duel took place on this day?** Please submit your answers to Maggie, The Crumb. Kartik asks that an important detail be clarified. He voluntarily disqualified himself from the competition, because he thought he might have an unfair advantage. He also points out that, while the wedding was planned for the West Lawn, it actually took place in the Library, due to that predictably unpredictable Bread Loaf weather. Molly Beer, Ana Silva, and Ed Brown (No. 4), along with guest guessers Brad Whitehurst and Leif (No. 3), got at least one of the Front Desk's Crumb quiz questions right.

**Don't forget to muse on those pick-up lines** (or can't you remember what you heard last weekend?). Please get them to me by Sunday lunch. If you have lots, please email them to me via Breadnet. Thanks! We have some gigglers already.

## Looking for an Alternative Weekend?

Middletown Springs, VT is the site this weekend of "New England's most entertaining renewable energy fair." In addition to workshops and demonstrations on renewable energy, organic gardening and farming, whole foods, green products, sustainable building, plant medicine, and, yes, compost, you can enjoy music on two solar-powered stages, AND a poetry slam, storytellers, and a song-writing competition. Check out [solarfest.org](http://solarfest.org).

## Drew Review--Goldman was Gold, man

Michael Goldman's talk on representing the unrepresentable was, in the words of Director Jim Maddox, "exactly what the founders of the Drew Lecture intended it to be." It reminded me of an amazing story about the 19<sup>th</sup>-century painter Gericault, and his struggle to portray the cannibalism that took place on a shipwrecked raft. The ship, called the Medusa, was captained by a political favorite of the newly restored King of France, Louis 18. Weak on navigational and ethical skills, he grounded the ship off the western coast of Africa, and panicked when a storm began to break it up. He piled himself and his mates into the one lifeboat, and proposed that the crew build a raft from the planks of the ship. They did, lashed some biscuits and barrels of wine to it, and climbed aboard. Immediately, the raft sank to several feet below the water's surface, and the captain's plan to tow the raft ashore with the lifeboat proved ridiculous. So as to avoid getting dragged out to sea himself, the captain cut the rope. The raft was, of course, swept out to sea in the raging storm while the captain rowed to safety. Eventually, starving survivors on the raft, delirious with thirst, accepted the ship doctor's suggestion that they eat their dead crewmates. When the raft was finally discovered, strips of flesh hung from the rigging, and half-carved bodies lay about. A widely publicized trial of the captain took place, and Gericault tried to memorialize the drama of The Raft of the Medusa on a huge, politically explosive canvas (1817, I think now in the Louvre). As he worked, he began to realize the full horror of the task. In order to understand cannibalism, he brought body parts from local hospitals and prisons into his studio to arrange them in still life studies. His students fled, and his neighbors wanted him evicted. He locked himself into his reeking studio and stayed there until the painting was finished. In the end, he concluded that the most powerful way to represent the gruesome multiple betrayals swirling around the Medusa would be to borrow an illustration from a recently-published, bestselling new edition of Dante's Inferno (Canto 33). The one figure group in the painting which engages the viewer instead of madly waving at a ship on the horizon, shows an old man holding the body of his son across his lap. Recognize the moment? Ugolino contemplates eating his sons, and the text leaves ambiguous his decision. Yet our pilgrim finds him at the lowest level of hell, the one reserved for traitors, chewing the head of the archbishop. Again, one of the great passages of literature, provides much more than a simple representation of man-eating-man could do. Thanks again to Michael Goldman, for a terrific Drew.

# Couid'rumba!

*While the Cat's Away...*

Volume 82, Number 13 (of course)

Thursday, July 12, 2001

## "HE'S GONE. LET'S TAKE OVER," BARTELS DECLARES.

**At Directors' Meeting this morning, Emily Bartels announced, "I'm In Charge Here." Jim Maddox was last seen being hustled into an unmarked vehicle headed for Burlington Airport.**

### Newsbriefs:

"Let's stop beating around the bush with the "Bread Loaf" thing," declares Big E. "From now on, we'll just call it, "Really Big Piney." It'll look terrific on oxers."

—len/Piney

**Relationship Axed:**  
Pine nuts instead of cashews will henceforth be served at all Directors' Receptions.

**"Ellen has been the Big E around here for too long. From now on, that tree-hugger will be referred to as Murgatroid." —The Only Big E.**

### Newsthong:

**Big E. Announces First Annual Nude Faculty Reception, to be held at the Slightly Shrunken Johnson Pond, today at 5 PM.**

### Weather Report

Chance of Showers today and tomorrow. Shared Showers anytime.

### Bartels Legitimizes Regime

Raymund Paredes, Director of the Creativity and Culture Program of the Rockefeller Foundation, will be on campus today. He is especially interested in talking to us about our program, and will also attend sessions of the Andover/Bread Loaf Conference. A round of "For he's a jolly good 'feller" will be sung at noon in the Dining Hall.

### Over Andover, Bread Loaf Writing Workshop Scores

For the past fourteen years, the Andover Bread Loaf Writing Workshop, held each summer on the campus of Phillips Academy/Andover, MA, has served urban teachers from Cleveland, New York, several New Jersey cities, communities in the Boston area, Lawrence, MA, and teachers from Pakistan, India, and other international sites. Teachers complete a rigorous program of study, with the focus on pedagogy, practice, and their own writing lives. Bread Loaf is an active partner in this program, which is co-directed by Lou Bernieri and Hazel Lockett (both Bread Loaf graduates).

The annual visit of the Andover Bread Loaf Writing Workshop is a tradition that we treasure for many reasons. A significant number of ABL teachers have come to Bread Loaf to continue their graduate education, which is extremely important to Bread Loaf. We learn from each other and support each other's work in person and on BreadNet. Please help us welcome members of the 2001 Andover Bread Loaf Writing workshop to this campus today and tomorrow.

### New Leader's Scoring System in Place for Wimbleloaf

Enough of this 15-love business. From now on, it's 1-0, 2-0, 3-0, game. Sign up for the improved Wimbleloaf on the Bulletin Board by Friday.

### Cadden Does Ibsen Tonight

Michael Cadden invites all to join him tonight for a viewing of *A Doll House* tonight at 7 in Barn A.

### Before The Revolution, Tenorman was a Bass

But seriously, and in David Huddle's words, "it's a Bread Loaf miracle that TENORMAN is being rescued from the obscurity of those boxes in my attic... Revisiting TENORMAN this summer has reminded me of something that happened about ten years ago in the writing of it. I didn't plan to write so intimately about Eddie Carnes and Thelma Watkins, but in the story, I came to a place where I either had to abandon the book or let these characters speak up and tell each other something important about their lives. With much anxiety, I went ahead and let them speak. I think it taught me something about respecting my characters and allowing them to have their say." Big E's response: "Watch out. They can organize, you know!" See the Acting Ensemble's reading of David Huddle's novella tomorrow night at 7:30 in the Theater.

### Bartels Says, "I Want Answers!"

What's it like to teach gay and lesbian students? What's it like to be a gay or lesbian teacher? What's it like to be gay or lesbian at Bread Loaf? Have you been involved in a Gay-Straight Alliance at your school? What about bisexual or transgendered people? All these topics and more were discussed last week in a supportive and enlightening meeting. Come join us again in the Blue Parlor, 9 PM on Sunday. Call loyal ally Jonathan Strong if you have any questions (ext. 2749).

### She Puts the "Yo" into Yoga

Last summer's yoga leader Kate Schmitt will teach two yoga classes, one tomorrow morning and one on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to come to Barn 2, from 6:30-7:15 AM Friday. The fee is \$5.00.

## Big E. Warns: Don't Bite This Apple

Because the Apple Cellar is a very busy place and a resource used by all Bread Loafers, please refrain from downloading anything but the most necessary stuff, and from changing any of the settings on the computers. If you have any questions about computer use, please ask Caroline or one of the Assistants in the room. One final thing: Please quit the program you are using when you get up from the computer. And one final thong: Pay the Printer!

## Summer Talent Climaxes at the Coffeehouse

See Kim Steinberg (or drop her a note), if you have a talent. Can you sing? Play the guitar? Recite poetry? Are you an ocarina diva? Juggle? Anything goes. Be a part of this Bread Loaf tradition!

## Baseball Fans Accept Self-Imposed Exile to Montreal

John Moran, leader of the baseball-loyal opposition, will be leaving from the Barn at 9:30 Sunday morning. They are planning to reconnect with others of their ilk at a Red Sox (clearly a group of communist sympathizers) versus Expos (supporters of analytical writing) "game."

## Don't Sit on This

Erstwhile Director Jim Maddox asks that furniture in the Blue Parlor and in the Inn Lobby may not be removed for any reason...meetings and theater productions included. Big E. says, "Yeah!"

## Our New Leader's Swing Thing

"My only thing about swing is that I have to let someone else lead. Feh." -Big E.

By popular demand, Beth Harris will lead another swing workshop from 8-9 on Saturday night in the Barn. From 9-9:30, the music will be swing danceable, for a free swing thing, on your own. No experience or partner necessary.

## Brer Fox's Bite is Worse than his Bark

Julie Hansen warns wildlife watchers to steer clear of any animal who seems unafraid of humans. They might be carrying rabies. Does that go for the rodents in our rooms, Julie?

## Quotiddly Think:

The big wiener of yesterday's duel question were Gary Montano (who asks that people write him emails, because he is lonely and bored...GS Montano@breadnet), Kurt Broderson (again!), and Janaira Johnson.

## Today's Quote:

**"It will be long; it will be hard; there will be no withdrawal."**

Who said it??

Please submit your answers to Maggie the Crumb today!

## Our New Leader Reminds Us

That "pick-up" lines are not just delivered by men anymore. Submit your favorites to Maggie by Sunday!

## Big E's "Don't Mess Wit' The Loaf" Poetry Lesson for Today

*By David Budbill*

*Ahimsa Next Time Maybe*

*or*

*The Taoist Mountain Recluse  
Stands in His Summer Garden and  
Says to the Deerfly About to Bite Him*

*Back to the undifferentiated Tao,  
you son of a bitch!*

And he smashes the triangular fly  
into the hairs on his dirty brown arm.

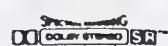
FRIDAY. BARN. 9 P.M.

A HOMESPUN MURDER STORY BY JOEL & ETHAN COEN

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# THE CRUMB

*Your Daily Companion-- since 1920*

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Friday, July 13, 2001 (We're ignoring that)

## Today's tidbit:

While on a walking tour on July 13, 1798, William Wordsworth and his sister Dorothy visit a ruined church called Tintern Abbey. On the same day five years earlier, Charlotte Corday stabbed revolutionary editor Jean Paul Marat to death while he was soaking in his bath.

**Today's Events:**  
**Tenorman**  
7:30, Theater  
Fargo  
Ch 9 PM, Barn

## Dinner Menu

Stuffed Roast Leg of Lamb  
Grilled Summer Salad  
Baked Potato  
Baguette  
Raspberry Jelly Roll

## Weather Report

Showers today, scattered thunderstorms tomorrow. Partly cloudy on Sunday.

## Tenorman, Live, Tonight

Or is it "T. Norman?" Or, for the academics, "Tenureman?" After your dessert of Jelly Roll, saunter over to the Theater for the dramatic reading of David Huddle's novella about jazz, art, and relationships. The 7:30 PM enactment will last for about 80 minutes, after which there will be Q & A with the author, actors, and director. Director Barry Press asks, "You mean that's tonight?!"

## Not Far to Go

...to see FARGO, a macabre thriller about a murder in a small town. Put the kids in bed for this one. Rolling Stone called it, "Terrific," and Siskel and Ebert stuck both thumbs WAY up. Thanks to the Coen Brothers, you'll never look at a wood chipper the same way again. 9 PM tonight in the Barn.

## Is it Wimbleloaf or Wimble-oaf?

Last chance to sign up for our very own tennis tournament is today at lunch. Weather permitting, we'll all get to see if Ed Brown can live up to his claims to be the King of the Mountain.

## Art for Art's Sake

You've probably seen her work...Sandy Gullikson, a beloved local artist, recently died of Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS). A celebration of her life and art will be held tonight beginning at 7 PM at the Cyclone Grist Mill, 23 Main St., Bristol. Proceeds will go to the Sandy Gullikson Art Scholarship Fund. Call 453-2043 or 453-5401 for more information.

## A Swingin' Saturday Night!

Back by popular demand, Beth Harris and friends will lead a swing workshop from 8-9 in the Barn on Saturday night. No experience or partner necessary. Dancing from 9:9:30 at the Dance will be swing music (to which you can wiggle any way you like). Stay on for more music until 1 AM! Swing, stomp, and romp those troubles away. It's better than a bubble bath.

## Moran Goes to Montreal for Good Sox

Join John Moran for a Boston Red Sox excursion to Montreal, where the Sox will beat up on the Expos. He's leaving at 9:30 AM on Sunday from the Barn. He'd like to know soon how many people he'll be hosting. Drop him a note or email.

## Or Run the Bases Right Here

Don't forget that Sunday is softball day around here, weather willin'. 2:00 PM.

## Four to Do Blue For You

Sunday night is Blue Parlor Reading night. Come early to get a good seat for a slate of terrific readers. 7:30 Sunday night in, well, you know.

## Sexuality in the Schoolhouse

If you missed last Sunday, you missed a warm, caring environment in which to talk about some issues of serious concern. Did you know that the leading cause of teen suicide is agony over their own sexuality? How can students deal with being gay or bi in the current school setting? How do teachers manage it? Is there a Gay-Straight Alliance at your school? Let's talk, Sunday night at 9 PM in the Blue Parlor. Contact Jonathan Strong (ext. 2749) if you have any questions.

## Meditations On A Pillow

And bring your blankie, too! Abra will lead her meditation session in Barn A at 8:45 PM on Sunday.

## National Board Certification

Any teacher interested in the National Board Certification process is welcome to come to a meeting on Monday from 5-5:45 PM in either Barn 1 or 2. Contact Judy Ellsesser for further information.

## Chessman to Read Monday

Harriet Chessman will be reading from her forthcoming and even more forthcoming works on Monday night at 7:15 in the Barn. Her readings always pack the house, so come early to get a good seat!

## Robb to Read Tuesday

Bread Loaf alumnus Dan Robb will read from his memoir about working with delinquent boys "on a small island a long way from anywhere" on Tuesday afternoon at 5 PM in Barn 1. *Crossing the Water* is available now in the bookstore.

## Madrigalists Must Have Men

Actually, they need singers of all kinds, but particularly male voices (or women who can sing "bass"). Their next meeting will be at 4:45 on Monday in the Dining Hall.

## Charlie Orr Fun Run For Fun or a Run

Walk it, run it, love it. Three miles of a good thing. The most important thing is to sign up at the Front Desk by 12 Noon on Tuesday for your t-shirt (\$10, \$15 for the special senior edition)! Get an original design by Clinton O'Dell. Proceeds go to the Charlie Orr Scholarship Fund.

## Charles Martin Visit

Oxford Assistant Steward Charles Martin is planning a five-day visit to our campus, July 22-27. If you know Charles, please put his visit on your calendar, and see Emily about arranging outings for him. Thanks!

## Carney Sandoe Visit

Carney Sandoe, another independent school agency, will be visiting a week from today. Sign up with Elaine for interview times. For more information, call Jonathan Ball, 800-225-7986.

## Quotidly Think:

Congratulations to new participant Anuradha Rao, who immediately and correctly identified the speaker of yesterday's quote as Winston Churchill, and mentioned that she knew "jokes about this." Ask her! Kurt Broderson also got it right (again).

## Today's Question:

What three US citizens each possess enough money to eradicate world hunger (according to the U.N., \$30 Billion)? Which one also has enough money to eradicate poverty in the United States completely? (nearly \$60 Billion)

...THIS WEEK  
WE TOOK A TEST  
TO SEE IF WE'RE  
READY FOR THE  
TEST THAT TESTS  
OUR TEST SKILLS...





# THE CRUMB

*Guiding You Out of the Woods since 1920*

Volume 82, Number 15

Monday, July 16, 2001

## Today's tidbit:

If you had to rename Bread Loaf, what would you call it?

Did you know that the Dept. of Education squelched the report on the discussion the National Teachers of the Year had regarding Bush's new testing program?

## Today's Events:

**Nat'l Board Info:**  
5 PM Barn 1 or 2

**Madrigals:**

— 45, Dining Hall  
**Chessman Reads:**

7:15, Barn

## Dinner Menu

Porterhouse Steak  
Quinoa with Fruit &  
Pine Nuts  
Delmonico Potatoes  
Carrot Cheese bread  
Vt Mud Pie

## Weather Report

Partly Cloudy today and tomorrow, highs in the 70s.

**No Skateboarding, Snowboarding, or Keyboarding** on the Library's first floor, please.

## National Boarding Today

Judy Ellsesser invites any teacher interested in National Board Certification to come to a meeting today at 5 PM in Barn 1 or 2. Judy will provide information and try to answer questions you may have about the program.

## Writers Read Here

Author and teacher **Harriet Chessman** will read tonight in the Barn at 7:15. She will fill the house, so come early to get a seat! Alumnus and class character **Dan Robb** will read from his new book *Crossing the Water*, on Tuesday at 5 PM in Barn 1. Dan's book is a peek at Penikese Island, an isolated school for troubled boys, where he worked and thought for three years.

## Wrights and Writers, Right Here

Red Jacket Productions (not to be confused with the road safety crew in Rte. 125) are looking for ten-minute plays for a festival of works by new playwrights. These one-acts will be performed in an off-Broadway house in mid-September. Submissions can be sent electronically to Jessie Hutcheson at [jessiebeth@rcn.com](mailto:jessiebeth@rcn.com), or by mail to Jessie Hutcheson  
Red Jacket Productions  
290 Third Avenue Apt. 31A  
NY, NY 10010

## Madrigals and Madriguys Make Merry Music

Meet today at 4:45 in the Dining Hall. We still need "a few good men."

## Walk Orr Run, It's Fun

If you want a terrific Fun Run t-shirt designed by our own Clinton O'Dell, sign up by noon tomorrow at the Front Desk. The event itself will be on August 4, at 10 am. If you wish to join in at the last minute, that's fine. We're aiming to have 100% campus participation...running or walking or a little of each.

## Green Fleece: Isn't that a Song?

Much beloved green fleece with black trim went missing last week during a brief moment of sunshine and wild abandon. If found, please turn it in at the Front Desk.

## Onken Bears All

"It was about thirty feet tall, a grizzly for sure, I was on foot. It batted me around a bit, but I gave it what for.... It's hard to say how big it was exactly, it was sprinting across the road (125). I'd say probably about three feet tall (while on all fours) and four or five feet long. Maybe not quite that big."

## Quotidly Think:

Well done, Kurt! Bill Gates could eliminate poverty in the US; he's worth 58.7 billion. Either Warren Buffett or Paul Gardner Allen could choose to end world hunger. They're each worth over 30 billion. All three are Americans (and two are from the planet Microsoft), as are 8 of the top ten wealthiest men in the world. There are FIVE members of one family in the top ten (the "poorest" of which is worth 18.5 billion): the Waltons! "Good night, Jon-boy."

**Today's Riddle:** President Bush has a very short one. Prime Minister Blair's is bigger than Bush's. Boy George seldom uses his, and Madonna no longer has one. What is it? Send answers to Maggie the Crumb (don't forget to sign your name!) today.

## If at first you don't succeed, try these lines heard at a Bread Loaf Dance...

10. Let's go someplace quiet, where we can explore the "ineluctable modality of the visible."
9. I know you! We were naked at Johnson Pond together last year! (W)
8. Master Builder? Master Carpenter? Master of Arts? Ha! I'll show what I'm master of.
7. Want to go outside and do some close reading? (LW)
6. Is that a deerfly in your pocket, or are you happy to see me? (W)
5. Perhaps you would be interested in deproblematising the registers of our dialectical discourse and ultimately assaying several bawdy notions of teleological catharsis. (MOA)
4. Want to go see how Johnson Pond got its name?
3. I have the Cliff's Notes of *Moby Dick* in my pocket. If you come back to the Annex I'll show you the unabridged version. It's long, but it's worth it. (MOA)
2. Role Play: You're Ellen; I'm Piney. (W)
1. So, ah . . . what classes are you taking? (MOA)

**The Next Top Ten: Top Ten Song Titles for the Bread Loaf album**



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# CRUMB CATCHER

*If you really want to hear about it...*

Volume 82, Number 16

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

## Today's tidbit:

Actually, the 1951 edition of *Catcher in the Rye* came out on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July, but it took me a while to make it public.

## Today's

### Events:

Robb Reads:  
5 PM Barn 1  
Press Workshop:  
7-10 PM Barn A

## Dinner

### Menu:

Lamb Chops  
Veg. Ragout  
Sweet Potatoes  
Onion Rolls  
Pineapple Upside  
Down Cake

## Weather Report

Chance of showers today, partly cloudy tomorrow. Highs in the 70s.

If you really want to hear about it, this is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of that crumbly novel by **J.D.Salinger**. I could get into the personal details of Salinger's life and all, but I won't because he would have two hemorrhages and that would be it. I mean it. Besides, I still can't forgive him for making old Sunny call me a crumb-bum. I hate that. Don't even talk to me about crumb-bums.

If you want to know the truth, this place is a hell of a lot better than that other school they sent me to. **Penikese Island**. It sounds like a dog with puffy eyes and a snotty nose. Really, it was a goddamn jail run by a bunch of ivy league phonies. This one guy **Dan Robb** wrote a book about it, and now he's here to tell all about how it was. I can't stand that stuff. He starts in at **5 in Barn 1 today**. I'm yawning already. I'm rude, I know, but sometimes I just get going and I can't stop. Everybody's always writing their memoirs and then telling everybody about your secrets. I hate that.

Then there's this other guy, **Barry Press**, who reminds me of old Ackley. With a guy like Ackley, if you looked up from your book, you were a goner. You were a goner *anyway*, but not as quick if you didn't look up right away. Some people actually signed up to do some **workshop** with Barry about **adaptation** from the page to the stage. I'm not kidding. From **7-10 tonight, Barn A**'s going to be packed with all these people trying to find out how Barry did that *Tenorman* trick with Huddle's book. That was pretty good. I have to admit it.

I am the most terrific liar you ever saw in your life. It's awful. If I'm on the way to the laundry, even, and somebody asks me where I'm going, I'm liable to say I'm going to the opera. It's terrible. So when Dianne Baroz told me about these **Carney Sandoe** private school interviews, I just made up that part about it being next week. It was a sheer lie. They won't be here until **July 27**. You should go sign up, anyway. I'll have to

start doing something like meditation, just to get me to stop lying. Because once I get started, I could go on for hours if I feel like it. No kidding. *Hours*. If you want to know the truth, Abra Chernik and I will be lying around and meditating from **7:30-8:30 in Barn A tomorrow night**. She's really something. I mean it.

So I'm in the Dining Hall, and Annie Scurria starts singing to the tune of the Frito Bandito, "ey, ey, ey, ey, they call me little eyolf..." It nearly killed me. Those actors, though, you try to get them to say anything sensible about an upcoming play, and they act as if you wanted their mother's bra size. The people you really want to know about are **Keith Bunin** and **Jack Hofsiss**. Keith looks like he's about twelve, but he's just come off this highly acclaimed production of *The Credeous Canvas* at Playwright's Horizons. I guess he is the playwright's horizon. I'm not kidding about him looking twelve, though. He did the adaptation of **Little Eyolf** to the stage. This is a good thing, because this play was right up there in the attic with Huddle's *Tenorman* before Bread Loaf got its hands on it. And hired a director who can damn near blow the roof off. If you really want to hear about it, this guy **Jack Hofsiss** has won a Tony Award and has directed just about everything there is to direct, including chickens crossing the road. He's done theater, opera, tv, and film. It's a good thing he calls it film, because if he said, "movies," that would be it. If there's one thing I hate, it's the movies. Don't even talk to me about movies. But **Little Eyolf** sounds like it might be a very big deal. They're "reading" it at **7:30 Wednesday night in the Theater**.

I heard this rumor that **Jonathan Freeman**, last year's Crumbmeister, and **Rebecca Makkai**, his little Crumbcake, got married last weekend. They danced to "Moonlight in Vermont." It was charming as hell and all. I'd just bet somebody yelled, "good luck." I hope not. I hope to hell not. I'd never yell, "good luck!" at anybody. It sounds terrible, when you think

about it.

I'm the only dumb one in the family. My mother is psychic, and my sister Phoebe's really smart. You never saw a kid so pretty and smart in your whole life. I certainly wouldn't mind shooting the crap with old Phoebe again. So I had lunch with this guy named **Steve Seidel**, who's from Harvard, but the Graduate School of Education, which isn't so bad. He's as smart as hell, and when he talks about how to **study kids writing and art**, he makes sense and all. I have to admit it. He's supposed to be talking to Michael Armstrong's classes, but other teachers can get him to come in, and he'll be here for lunch tomorrow and Thursday, too.

I took my old hunting hat out of my pocket, and put it on while I walked. It was pretty damp out, just like every other day here, even though they say it's going to get better. Those **weather** people are the only people who are worse liars here than I am. It's awful. But when I put my hat on, I kept thinking about old Phoebe, and how she was so smart and all, and how she'd have had no trouble guessing the answer to **that riddle** yesterday. I know I'm psychic, because then I knew all the **last names** of the people who got it right. I'm not kidding: Johnson, O'Dell, Irani, Elrod, Broderson, Kwan, van Tubbergen, and Balasubramanian. The other thing I thought in my hunting hat was that there's somebody here **who knows how to make baskets out of the baleen of a baleen whale**. She's really something. I just can't remember her name. Let Maggie know if you can.

Certain things should stay the way they are. You ought to be able to stick them in one of those big glass cases and just leave them alone. I know that's impossible, but it's too bad anyway. Anyway, I kept thinking as I walked, that that's probably one the big problems with those kids who got sent to Penikese Island. Nothing ever stayed the same. Except the island. I guess that makes Bread Loaf some kind of island we all wish would never change. The hard thing is that we miss everybody after we've told them things. Nobody should ever tell anybody anything. Then we wouldn't miss anybody.

Anyway, when I got in bed, and I couldn't pray worth a damn. Every time I got started, I kept picturing old Sunny calling me a crumb-bum. Finally, I sat up in bed and smoked another cigarette. It tasted lousy.

Some real literature, brought to you by  
Tena Cohen:

### *Breakfast at Rosie's*

Banter over easy:  
Freshly squeezed, eh?  
Bet you have to sprinkle  
the tree every morning,  
Lou says to the waitress.  
Trim legged, her crew-cut  
recedes to reveal gold  
shell: an ear cuff glinting.  
Yep; she pries open  
the juice dispenser to insert  
a salamander neon jug.  
And here's the tree.  
Stretching his arm out for salt,  
Lou knocks over the pepper  
which I right.  
My arms keep getting  
shorter as I age, he  
apologizes. More coffee,  
asks she. Don't mind Lou  
his job is to torture  
us early on  
to start the day write  
spinning sugar  
into thick mugs.



# THE CRUMB

*Unafraid of Virginia Woolf—Since 1920*

Volume 82, Number 17

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

**Today's tidbit:**  
"All the fun's in  
how you say a  
thing."  
--Robert Frost

**Today's  
Events:**  
**Little Eyolf:**  
7:30, Theater  
**Meditation:**  
7:30-8:30, Barn A  
**Bible Study:**  
7:15-7:45, Barn 1

**Dinner  
Menu**  
  
Lamb Chops  
Veg. Ragout  
Sweet Potatoes  
Onion Rolls  
Pineapple Upside  
Down Cake

**Weather  
Report**

Partly Cloudy  
today and  
tomorrow. Highs  
in the 70s.

### Aye, Aye, *Eyolf!*

Join Brian, Cindy, Annie, Carol, Sean, and "little" Gabriel in a delightful dramatic reading of Ibsen's *Little Eyolf*, adapted for the stage by Keith Bunin and directed by Tony Award-winning Jack Hofsiss. This little show will last just over an hour, but will leave a big impression. Be in the Theater at 7:30 tonight.

### Ohm...Ohm

Experience electric meditation tonight with Abra Chernik, in Barn A, from 7:30-8:30.

### Come Share the Bread of Life

An informal Bible study will meet in Barn 1 tonight at 7:15-7:45 PM. For information, contact Laura Jagles. "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone...." (Matthew 4:4).

### TrEat and retreat

The weekend begins on THURSDAY!! As a result, the weekend eating schedule goes into effect at Thursday supper, which will be self-serve from 6-6:45.

### Gilmore Goes With Gusto

Start your weekend off right with an evening at Gilmore...reading, starlight, bonfire, frothy beverage, strumming guitars, etc.

### Office Staff Heads for the Hills

Please note that the office will be closed for a well-deserved break on Friday. Yup, that's THIS Friday. I checked.

### Kurt Says It's the Best Film Ever

And so do the other *Usual Suspects*. It presents an intricate plot and an all-star cast, including Kevin Spacey, who won an Oscar for this performance. See it Friday night at 9 PM in the Barn.

### Swing That Thing!

Join Beth Harris for more swing dancing instruction, from 8-9 in the Barn. 9-9:30 will be music for swinging' that thing.

### Micro-Dance a Big Deal

Don your pajamas and join us for a smaller, more intimate version of a Big Barn Bash. What we'll lack in number, we'll make up for in enthusiasm! 9-1 PM.

### Softball Sunday Rolls Around

Mark Valentine says it could happen again...the revival of the Ripton v. Bread Loaf Softball Match. We just need one more Sunday at 2 softball game like last weekend, and we could be ready for the Riptonites.

### Back and Blue

Return to the Blue Parlor Sunday night at 7:30 for more terrific community readings. On the slate this weekend are: Josh Cobb, MaryJane Litchard, Liz Friary, and Brad Whitehurst.

### Startin' Some Artin'

A Visual Art Show! How cool is that? If you make ANYTHING, or would like to learn how, talk to Rebecca Armstrong—as soon as possible. Let's look at what we make.

### Somethin' Startin' for Martin

If you know Charles Martin, an outgoing steward of Lincoln College, Oxford, or would like to meet him, please sign up to help host him on one of many possible outings planned for his visit next week. See the sign-up sheet at the Front Desk, or Emily Bartels.

### Three Boys and a Hound

A plea for help with kid-sitting this Friday evening, and possibly Saturday as well, from Jacques and Susanne. Three boys, 9, 12, and 13, and their dog. Fee: Lots of money. Will inflate grades as a last resort. Please email Jacques Lezra or Susanne Wofford through Breadnet, or drop them a note through internal mail.

### Under the Spell of Gospel

Monday night's the time to hear voices raised in inspiring song, from 7:15-8:30 in the Barn.

## Straight and Gay S.A.G.A.

Next Monday after the Gospel Concert, there will be a meeting in Barn 4 (9PM) to continue the discussion of gay-straight alliances in schools.

## Sixty Miles in Three Days

A friend of mine, recovering from breast cancer herself, will walk 60 miles this fall in the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk to raise money for and awareness of breast cancer and other diseases that affect women. The net proceeds from the event will support non-profit breast health programs in every region of the country. Please let Maggie the Crumb know if you'd be interested in making a contribution.

## Black Bear's Bottom

Chris Ostenink saw the butt end of a black bear, as it raced away from his mountain bike on a trail just south of 125 in Ripton. It was about three feet tall while on all fours.

## Ana Silva Scores Big Gum

The winner of Sarah's "guess the number of pebbles" contest is Ana Silva, who took one x-ray look through the jar and almost exactly identified the correct number of pebbles within.

Congratulations and happy chewing on your reward!

## Quotiddly Caught in the Rye

It seems that yesterday's question about who can weave baleen into baskets was not recognizable as a quiz question. So I'll give you one more hint. This same student travels to Bread Loaf from the furthest north latitude of any student here. Send your responses to Maggie the Crumb, via internal mail, or email me.

## Quotiddly Apology

One name of a winner of the riddle puzzle was inadvertently left off the list. Congratulations to Sandy, of Cornwall Clinic!

## Don't Forget

This week's Top Ten song titles for Bread Loaf, the Album. Some contributors have included artists, and album title, too. Anything goes. Please try to get me your contributions by Sunday night.

Thanks, Maggie the Crumb

## Put This On Your To-Do List

And now a word from Annie Decker:

Hi there! I have several calls for submissions floating around in my life right now and wanted to share one of them with the fabulous writers of the Bread Loaf community.

*To-Do List* magazine takes on social issues from a highly personal perspective. We look for writing that is honest and intelligent, that can be both political and personal. Therefore, we fill a niche less by targeting a portion of the population than by providing content that simply cannot be found elsewhere, and certainly not in any systematic, consistent way. Our articles range from an interview with Barbara Ehrenreich about her undercover episode as a housecleaner to some days in the life of a Silicon Valley manufacturing worker to the essay that began the new "quirkyalone" movement. *To-Do List* was voted the Best New Magazine of 2000 in the *Utne Reader's* Alternative Press Awards, Reader's Choice.

The theme of our upcoming issue is "self-loathing," but your writing need not focus on this topic. Our magazine is about the "meaningful minutiae" in our daily lives, and, in accordance with our guidelines, you should be free to riff on that general theme.

If you have anything ready now, we encourage you to submit an article or an essay by our deadline for issue #3, August 1 (don't be dismayed by the fact that the website says June 21 . . .). Also, feel free to pass this invitation to writers who might be interested in this or future issues.

Information about our distribution, writer's guidelines, a description of issue #3, and a taste of our content can be found at [www.todolistmagazine.com](http://www.todolistmagazine.com) (as well as subscription information). You can also email me (Annie Decker) at [adecker@asis.com](mailto:adecker@asis.com).

**"A DELICIOUSLY COMPLEX CRIME STORY!"**

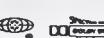
Kenneth Turan, LOS ANGELES TIMES

**"A DYNAMITE CAST! SPELLBINDING!  
A Demonically Funny Thriller!"**

Peter Travers, ROLLING STONE



**THE USUAL  
SUSPECTS**  
A BRAD PITT FILM



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# The MicroCrumb

Getting Right to the Point

Since 1920

## WEEKEND SET TO BEGIN TONIGHT!!

**Today's Tidbit:** The Seneca Falls Convention opened on this day in 1848. There, Elizabeth Cady Stanton presented her draft of a Declaration of Sentiments and Grievances, detailing injustices inflicted upon women in the US. Frederick Douglass was one of the first signers.

**Weather:** Sunny and Warm until Sunday...then Thundershowers possible

**Tonight's Menu:** BBQ Spare Ribs, Beans/Eggplant Gratin, Other Veg., Sunflower Bread, Cake and Applesauce

### Info for Thursday:

- \*Meal Schedule Shifts to weekend hours tonight
- \*Special Apple Cellar closing time: 10 PM
- \*Ultimate Frisbee at 7 PM
- \*9 PM Gilmore
- \*Notify Jacques Lezra if you can help with kid-sitting Friday and possibly Saturday.
- \*Notify Eliza Duval if you can give her a ride to Burlington for the day, either Friday or Saturday.
- \*Check out Dan Robb's book, *Crossing the Water*, at the Front Desk. Buy it. He'll be here until Saturday morning for autographs.

### Info for Friday:

- \*Office is closed
- \*No van service downtown
- \*The Bookstore will be closed
- \*Apple Cellar will close at 10 PM
- \*7 PM Ultimate Frisbee
- \*9 PM *Usual Suspects* in the Barn

**Info for Saturday:**

- \*Swing Thing, 8-9 instruction, 9-9:30 Swing Free-for-all
- \*Pajamarama Micro-Dance, 9-1 in the Barn

**Info for Sunday:**

- \*2 PM Softball on Field...practice for BL v. Ripton series
- \*7:30 PM Blue Parlor Reading

**Info for Monday:**

- \*7:15-8:30 Gospel Choir Concert
- \*9 PM Meeting in Barn 4 to continue Gay-Straight Alliance discussion
- \*Charles Martin arrives...sign up to host him on a field trip
- \*See Kim Steinberg if you'd be interested in performing at the Coffeehouse, which will be on July 31.

**Quotidly Winners:** Congratulations to those who know that **MaryJane Litchard** is not only from very far North, and is talented in many ways, she can weave baskets from baleen. And Congratulations to Mary Jane...I hear she's engaged!

Winners: Kurt Broderson, Beth Harris, Lea, Kelley, Hilary, Chris Onken, Samantha Dunaway, and Anne Elrod

**New Quotidly Think:**

"It's not down on any map. True places never are." Who wrote this? In what? Let me know before Sunday night.

**Top Ten** Song Titles for Bread Loaf , the Album by Sunday night, eh?

**"A DELICIOUSLY COMPLEX CRIME STORY!"**  
- Kenneth Turan, LOS ANGELES TIMES

**"A DYNAMITE CAST! SPELLBINDING!"**  
A Demonically Funny Thriller!  
- Peter Travers, ROLLING STONE

**"AN INTRICATE THRILLER**  
Stocked With Powerhouse Performances."

- David Ansen, NEWSWEEK

**"THE BEST MYSTERY**  
THRILLER OF THE YEAR.  
Taut, Tense And Terrific!"  
- Barbara & Scott Sigel,  
WWW/SIGEL ENTERTAINMENT SYNDICATE



**THE USUAL SUSPECTS**  
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# OUR DAILY BREAD

*Singin' the Good News from the Mountaintop--Since 1920*

Volume 82, Number 19

Monday, July 23, 2001

## Today's tidbit:

When the Bush administration announced its plan to turn responsibility for environmental protection over to states, EPA Director Christine Todd Whitman said that states are better equipped than the EPA to deal with the problems of environmental degradation—in partnership with industry!

## Today's Events:

**Gospel Concert:** 7:15 PM, Barn  
**SAGA discussion:** 9 PM, Barn 4  
**Frost Reading:** Possible...10 PM, Frost Cabin

## Dinner Menu

Baked Ham w/ Cider  
White Bean Escarole  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Carrot Cake

## Weather Report

Hot, humid, sunny today. Cloudy with chance of showers or thundershowers tomorrow.

## Hallelujah!

Join the community as we gather in the Barn for one of the high points of this summer's session, the Gospel Choir Concert, from 7:15 to approximately 8:30 PM. Carol Ann North directs our gospel singers in a variety of gospel forms: worldwide, historical, and contemporary. Phoebe Green-Lewis (one of those cute little literatini) makes her debut in "Siyahamba."

## Walk Together Children

Meet at 9 PM in Barn 4 to continue the discussion about Straight and Gay Alliances in your schools.

## Swing Slow, Sweet Chariot

Ed Brown informs me that there will be no regular van run today, as the drivers are going to Mt. Abraham High School to donate blood. Anyone who wishes to donate blood may join them. The chariot will leave for Mt. Abe at 1:30 PM.

## Welcome Into This Place

Help welcome Paul Langford, Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford. He will be on campus tomorrow and Wednesday.

## Singin' it Loud and Clear

Come hear Rissy Wolf's Celebration of Voices, which she is performing later this summer at the Spoleto (Italy) Vocal Arts Symposium. Her program includes a wide variety of songs, from Italian arias to Broadway favorites, and features Carol Ann North and Robert Holloway as guest performers. 7:15-8 PM Tuesday, in the Barn.

## Let it Shine, Let it Shine...

Okay, so not everyone here can weave a basket out of baleen, but there are many, many talented people here on the Mountain. Can you sing? Dance? Recite poetry? Stand on your hands while playing the ocarina? See Kim Steinberg for a spot under the lights in the Coffeehouse, which will be on Tuesday, July 31.

## Don't Walk Alone

Lael Jacobs seeks accompaniment for her Coffeehouse performance. She'll be singing (fantabulously well!) one or two short Italian songs, and/or a little Gershwin. Please see Lael or drop her a note if you'd be willing.

## Plenty Good Room

Carney Sandoe will be on campus on Friday, July 27, looking for those interested in seeking jobs in private schools. Sign up with Elaine for an interview time. Also, there's a grades 9-12 English job opening at Morse High School in Bath, ME. For more information, please email Mary Chris Reese (BL '89) at [mcreeese@gwi.net](mailto:mcreeese@gwi.net).

## Praise Him

As soon as the weather is clear at night, we will reinstate the plan to go down to the Frost Cabin to read or recite our favorite Frost poems to each other. Talk about a spiritual experience. Listen for the announcement of the event at lunch...the weather looks possible tonight. Have your favorite Frost poem ready!

## Steal Away

To the college's new Observatory, for some star-gazing. It will be open on Wednesday night, from 9-10:30 PM. Phone 443-2266 after 6 PM for weather check.

## Amazing Race

Congratulations to Martha Perkins, whose 50:09 time in the 10.2km Goshen Gallup made her the fastest Bread Loafer over all! And don't forget to mark your calendars to save 10 AM Saturday August 4 for the Charlie Orr Fun Run. Come one, come all, come run or not, just join in.

## The Lord is My Light

It's great to be able to smoke outside at Bread Loaf, but please try to dispose of your butts in the sand urns. Thank you.

## Revive Us With Ten

When *Bread Loaf, the Album* is cut, look for these

Top Ten Song Titles:

10. "The Eve of Deconstruction"
9. "Loaf Is All We Need"
8. "Poem, Poem on the Range"
7. "Dixie Chicken" --Little Feat
6. "Who Wrote the Book of Loaf?"
5. "Got to Get You into My Loaf"
4. "1-2-3-4, What are We Writin' For?"
3. "When a Man Loafs a Woman"
2. "Poetry in Motion"
1. "You don't pull on Superman's cape, you don't spit into the wind, you don't pull the mask on the old Lone Ranger, and"

**You Don't Mess Around with Jim"**

--Jim Croce

**Next week's Top Ten: Top Ten Lies Heard At Bread Loaf**

## Give Us This Day Our Daily...think?

*Moby Dick's* big wieners were the usual suspects Kurt Broderson, Anne Elrod, and Liz Bedell, and then there was a group entry from the members of BL 137, the "Racial Vision in American Literature" class. All of them identified Herman Melville's *Moby Dick* as the source of the quote, and the BL 137 class went on to explain that it is from the description of Queequeg's homeland. It's good to know that the Crumb has inspired class discussion!

**Today's Quotiddly Think:** What is the origin of the expression, "o.k.?" Let Maggie the Crumb know today!





# MAD CRUMBS

Your \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) —since 1920—Since 1920

Volume 82, Number 20

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

## Today's tidbit:

Did you know that the wingspan of a Boeing 747 is longer than the length of the Wright Brothers' first flight?

## Today's Events:

Rissy's Recital: 7:15 PM, Barn  
Box Office: 8-12 and 1-5

**Other Menu:**  
Fisherman's Platter: Clams, Shrimp  
Chef Tim's Zucchini  
Roasted Potatoes  
Asparagus  
Carrot Cheese  
Bread  
Layer Pie

## Weather Report

Humid. Chance of Showers late in the day. Sunny and cooler tomorrow.

Okay, so maybe we're getting a little punchy, but just pretend you're having \_\_\_\_\_ (noun). In short, don't read this alone. For the \_\_\_\_\_ (superlative) fun, get a bunch of \_\_\_\_\_ (plural noun) together and \_\_\_\_\_ (verb)!

## Oxford Guest Greeted with \_\_\_\_\_ (emotion)

Paul Langford, \_\_\_\_\_ (occupation) of Lincoln College, Oxford, is with us today and tomorrow. \_\_\_\_\_ (verb) for him at lunch and around campus.

## Rissy and \_\_\_\_\_ (plural noun) to Sing

Rissy Wolf and guests Robert Holloway and Carol Ann North will \_\_\_\_\_ (verb) tonight at 7:15 in the Barn. Her "Celebration of \_\_\_\_\_ (plural noun)" includes a variety of \_\_\_\_\_ (plural noun), from Broadway \_\_\_\_\_ (plural noun) to Italian \_\_\_\_\_ (plural noun).

## Box Office Now Open for Master \_\_\_\_\_ (occupation) Tix

Sign up \_\_\_\_\_ (adverb) for FREE but necessary tickets at the \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) office window on the west side of the Theater. Box office hours are 8-12 and 1-5. If you can't \_\_\_\_\_ (verb) to the Box Office, please give Fae Christensen a \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) with your name and number of tickets you need. Make a choice of \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) seats or \_\_\_\_\_ (expletive) scaffolding. No reserved \_\_\_\_\_ (plural noun), but the house won't open until after the Madrigals \_\_\_\_\_ (verb).

## 3 Texts/ 2 Julietts/ 2 Films

### Workshop

Janet Field-Pickering brings another of her

\_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) workshops to the Barn

A tomorrow night, from 7-10 PM. "3

\_\_\_\_\_ (nouns)/ 2

\_\_\_\_\_ (woman's name, plural)/

\_\_\_\_\_ (number) films" is full, so if

you are \_\_\_\_\_ (verb) tomorrow

night, please \_\_\_\_\_ (verb) your name

off the \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) outside the

office.

## Shirley Shows Her \_\_\_\_\_ (noun)

Shirley Brice Heath will \_\_\_\_\_ (verb)

her \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) documentary

video "Artshow: Youth and Community

Development," from 7-8:30 in Barn 1 tomorrow

night. " \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) show" should last

about an hour. After the film, Shirley will

\_\_\_\_\_ (verb) with interested

\_\_\_\_\_ (plural noun).

## Circus Tomorrow

All those cute children have planned a

\_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) circus from 4-

4:30 tomorrow afternoon, at Croutons. Come

\_\_\_\_\_ (transitive verb) all those

\_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) kids releasing their

own suppressed desires.

## Book Without Owner

If you ordered a \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) from Amazon about that \_\_\_\_\_ (admiring adjective) \_\_\_\_\_ (occupation) Yeats, please see the Front Desk.

Especially if you \_\_\_\_\_ (verb) in Monroe, NY.

### The Worm at the Core

Apple Cellar \_\_\_\_\_ (occupation) Caroline points out that people are still changing the settings on the computers. Stop doing that! See the \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) computer assistants if you need \_\_\_\_\_ (noun). Also, please remember to \_\_\_\_\_ (verb) the printer. How about putting in a whole \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) if you don't have exact change? It might help make up for the other times when you \_\_\_\_\_ (verb, past tense) for free.

### Steven's Long \_\_\_\_\_ (noun)

Steven Gordon walked all the way back to campus from \_\_\_\_\_ (geographic location) on Sunday, dressed in a fine \_\_\_\_\_ (textile) \_\_\_\_\_ (article of clothing). He \_\_\_\_\_ (verb, past tense) several species of \_\_\_\_\_ (animal), all engaged in their \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) activities.

### Release Your Suppressed \_\_\_\_\_ (plural noun)

Saturday night is the Annual \_\_\_\_\_ (verb, past tense) Desires dance. Let it all \_\_\_\_\_ (verb) out!

### Quotiddly \_\_\_\_\_ (noun)

There was a \_\_\_\_\_ (quantity) of theories about the origin of the expression, "ok." The one I thought was right was that Martin Van Buren (also known as Old Kinderhook) was so powerful in NY State politics that nothing got done without his "o.k." Indeed, in 1840, it was used as his presidential campaign slogan. Anne Elrod and Kurt Broderson advanced this \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) theory: the initials came from a "jocular alteration" of the German "alles korrecht," which first appeared in 1839. Other interesting theories include the one submitted by the Racial Visions class (again! When do they talk about literature?!?), which suggests that it comes from "African words 'Yaw Kay,' meaning 'all right.'" The OED attributes this to Wolof-speaking Africans enslaved and brought to America. Dibs on the indigenous use of the expression has to go to the Choctaw, about whom Gary Montano writes this: "a Choctaw Chief, Pushmataha, who served with his warriors under Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans, actually coined the phrase. According to tradition, Jackson asked Pushmataha if the battle against the British was going well for the Choctaw contingent. Pushmataha supposedly answered with an Indian word which meant things were all right -- "Okeh." Jackson so liked the word that he began using it himself. Some other sources also attribute the origin of the word to Pushmataha's nephew." Hm. I wonder...Jackson also hand-picked Van Buren to be his successor, OK?

**Today's Question:** What species besides humans enjoys sex for fun?



# CRUMMADDOX

We Don't mess With Jim--Since 1920

Volume 82, Number 21

Wednesday, July 25, 2001

**Today's tidbit:**  
The combined profits of the world's top ten oil companies increased by 29 Billion dollars from 1999 to 2000.

**Today's Events:**  
**Crouton Circus:**  
4, Ripton  
3 Texts  
**Workshop:**  
7-10, Barn A  
**"Artshow":**  
7-8:30, Barn 1

**Inner Menu**  
Roast Turkey with Cranberry Sauce  
Turkish Veg. Stew  
Mashed Potatoes, Peas, and Pearl Onions  
Ice Cream (what, no pumpkin pie?!?)

## Weather Report

Like this, today and tomorrow. Awesome.

### Deposition in Directors' Den

The mood in the Director's office this morning was, well, downright carnivalesque. With Jim's return, our Lord of Misrule (Miss Rule?) Emily Bartels was forced to admit that Number 2 really isn't all that bad, and the rest of us breathed a sigh of relief that our orderly little community had been restored. Welcome back, Jim! If you've been waiting for an opportunity to see Jim (besides just to say *hullo*), he'll be here until Friday, at which time he sets out for Oxford. The following Saturday will see him returned again, with freshly scrubbed shoes, ready for the final week's fun and frolic.

### 3 Texts/ 2 Juliets/ 2 Jims

Janet Field-Pickering will hold her workshop, "Three texts / Two Juliets / Two Films" on Wednesday night from 7-10 in Barn A. If you have signed up but will not be able to make it, please cross your name off the list so someone else might take your spot. It's what Jim would do.

### "Artshow" Tonight

In Barn 1 at 7 PM, Shirley Brice Heath will show her documentary video "Artshow: Youth and Community Development." The film lasts about an hour, after which there will be a discussion, partly focusing on what Jim would think of the film.

### Silly Kids Put On Silly Circus

The children of Bread Loaf, fondly known as the Croutons, will present their Silly Circus at the Ripton Elementary School Gymnasium (turn right across from the Ripton Gen1 Store) from 4-4:30 today. Says Jim: Cute kids doing ridiculous things? It's worth the drive.

### Seniors, Pressed for Time, to Meet in Brief(s)

Seniors, please attend a twenty-minute meeting at 1:30 Thursday in the Blue Parlor. Say *hullo* and *bon voyage* again to Jim on your way past his office.

### BLTN, Jackie Royster to Meet in Barn 2

The Bread Loaf Teacher Network will meet with Jackie Royster, friend of Jim Maddox, in Barn 2 on Thursday night from 7-9.

### Why is it called a Box Office?

When Jim last saw Lucy, he promised he'd return for her. And so he has. But before they ride off into the sunrise together, they'll be sure to get tickets for this summer's production of Ibsen's *Master Builder*. The tickets are free, the seats are unreserved (though you can choose between scaffolding and chairs), and the house will not be open until after the madrigals sing. If you get tickets and can't use them, please let Fae know or return the tickets as early as possible. Box Office Hours: 8-12 and 1-5. Location: the West side of the theater.

### A Perfectly Pathetic Proze Prize

Blue Parlor, schmoe parlor, there's finally an opportunity for the rest of us! The Men of Gilmore are pleased to host the first annual Joseph Battell Award for Underwhelming Fiction. A blue ribbon panel of Gilmore literati will review a one-to-two page sample of your worst work. The writer who pens the most lackluster prose will be honored with an interpretation at a future Gilmore Reading and an additional undisclosed prize. Please submit your drivel to the box of Jim Miller by Monday, and vie for your niche in the halls of mediocrity. This'll be one for the résumé....

### The Women's Bike Book

And now, another opportunity from Annie Decker: This fall, I will be putting together a book of essays about women and bicycling. The book will cover a variety of topics, from the experiences of urban bicycle messengers to mothers on bikes, Critical Massers, Jim and Lucy on a tandem (from Lucy's perspective), and bike commuters. I want to focus on urban bicyclists—the pleasures and pains/challenges of riding as women in a city. And all from a personal perspective. I love biking and I know that there are hundreds, thousands, who do also and either

want to tell their stories or to read about those of other women. So, I am looking for the following:

- \* personal essays by women about some aspect of biking in their lives (from the athletic to the cultural to the stylish to the treacherous to the hassles to the documentary-producing to the joys to the counter-cultural to the counter-car . . . )
- \* great graphics: cartoons, photographs, maps . . . I might even want to work with one artist in particular to design chapter openings.
- \* leads on good books or other resources about this topic (as well as competing titles): I am thinking of writing an introduction that places women and biking in some historical context
- \* contacts with strong women writers (friends, colleagues) who might want to write an essay or whom I could interview
- \* tips on how I can fundraise (foundations, individuals, events) to pay the contributors and myself

After Bread Loaf ends, the best way to contact me (Annie Decker) is to email [adecker@asis.com](mailto:adecker@asis.com). Please send submissions by email, but if there are accompanying materials you (or friends) want to send, my address is 5716 Genoa St., Oakland, CA 94608.

### Quotiddly Think

Quotiddly Master Kurt Broderson once again proves that he not only knows the literary world, but that he knows the animal world as well. Without even having to look it up, he knew that dolphins are the only animal besides humans who have sex for fun. How'd he know that? He claims he only went to Sea World once.

### Today's Question:

Can you recognize the names of these nations in their native languages?

1. Ellas 2. Shqipéria 3. Al Maghrib 4. Zhongguo 5. Suomi 6. Sverige 7. Bharat 8. Magyarország 9. Schweiz

### Top Ten Reminder:

Top Ten Lies Heard at Bread Loaf...by Sunday night, please.





# THE CRUMUDGEON

*Bread Loaf-The Fennel Frontier*

Volume 82, Number 22

Thursday, July 26, 2001

**Today's tidbit:**  
*Kakistocracy, n.*  
government by  
the worst men in  
the state [Gr.  
*kakistos*, superl.  
of *kakos*, bad,  
and *-kratia*, from  
*kratein*, to rule].

**Today's  
Events:**  
**Senior Meeting:**  
1:30, Blue Parlor  
**BLTN Meeting:**  
7-9, Barn 2  
**Mark Wright:**  
8:30, Barn

**Dinner Menu**  
London Broil  
Fennel Salad  
Beans, Wild Rice  
Steak House Fries  
Irish Soda Bread  
Banana Cake w/  
Cream Cheese  
Icing

**Weather  
Report**  
The only thing  
you can count  
on is that you  
can't count on  
it.

**Responsive as ever to the mood of the mountain, today's Crumb is as it would be if it were written in some of our worst moments...missing home, papers to write, another damned email response to do, group presentations to work out, too many fun things to do for which there is no time, and now, cold again.**

### And Now, This...

As if to rub it in, seniors have to meet today RIGHT after lunch, at 1:30 in the Blue Parlor. Remember times like this when you start to romanticize this place. Earwigs on your washcloth, mice in your bureau, cold and so wet that the keys stick down on your keyboard, aggressive springs in the Barn chairs, telephone cut-offs, fennel eight times a week....

### Enough BLTN Already

They can't come up with an acronym that makes any sense, but they can take over your life. And then they make you think it's good for you, and that you even like it. Now they've gotten Jackie Royster to help, at the BLTN meeting tonight from 7-9 in Barn 2.

### Some Alums

Some of these people just can't take a hint. What do they think a diploma is supposed to mean?? It means, Go Away. Why else would they show you the freakin' walking stick? Five years at Bread Loaf and some people still can't interpret symbols. Hell-lo...but seriously, we are lucky there are some alumni who just can't stay away. We think it's because of the fennel. Mark Wright, New Orleans jazz pianist and New Jersey teacher will be playing the piano in the Barn tonight at 8:30. It's informal.

### Git'cher Litchard

Where Mary Jane comes from, it's so cold that the Blue Parlor would learn a thing or two about blue. Old Joseph Battell would be wishing he were Inupiaq, for sure. Tomorrow night at 7 in the Blue Parlor, see Mary Jane's work, and maybe buy some.

### You Think You Can Get a Job?

Carney Sandoe is here tomorrow, looking for likely suspects. Go sign up for an interview if you haven't, because Carney Sandoe would LOVE to take a chunk of your money or six stalks of fennel for helping you to find a job that you could never have found for yourself.

### Love Bites

They say in the trailer for this Friday's movie, *Keeping the Faith*, that "if you have to believe in something, you might as well believe in love." Take my advice. Don't. I mean, we've learned about all that other stuff, right? Remember when you found out that the tooth fairy was actually your mother? Or what about the Easter Bunny? That's it...love is like a freakin' bunny...one second you're up, then you're down...why bother?

### Suppression Is A Good Thing

Okay, ask yourself. Why do we do this? Do we really need an annual excuse for the men to indulge their transvestite and transvegetative fantasies? I mean, if Kurt wanted to slip into his fishnets, or Josh into his fennel-ego at any other time, would we object? On Saturday night, there will be all these otherwise respectable people acting in such an abominable fashion, that their own mothers would be shocked. Just suppress, please. It's easier for all of us to bear.

### And If You're Still Suppressed, Try Ibsen

Master Builder, bah. We know what HE wants to erect. Don't forget to get your tickets for that play about a man who wants to have the biggest tower around (go figure). West Theater Box office is open 8-12 and 1-5.

### Finally, a Little Confrontation Around Here

At least the College Museum of Art knows that confrontation is the only way. Confrontational Clay: The Artist As Social Critic will only be here until August 5. Next time you're down on campus, stop it with the consumerism and get into this show.

**You Can Check Out Any Time You Like,  
But You Can Never Leave...**

Just as the spider lures the fly, we have now become trapped, struggling vainly, only to surrender to the power of fennel and of the net...and the sweet suck of the spider. Bring your laptops to the computer center, where Breadnet will be installed. Don't wait until the last minute. If you don't have a laptop, instructions for downloading Breadnet from the Internet will be available in the Apple Cellar beginning next week.

## Touchy, Touchy

When I was young and our muscles knotted, we did pushups, naked, in the snow, until we showed them who was boss. But now they not only have all this "Swedish and deep tissue massage" crap, these two people do it at the same time. Some kinky four-handed thing. Oh, no, nothing is too good for those School of English prima donnas. Anybody else would be satisfied with one or two hands, but these folks have to have **four**. Sign up at Cornwall for 2 hands/ 1 hour/ \$40, or 4 hands/ 50 min./ \$50, with Nanci Newton, LCMT and Deb Augusto, LCMT. Saturday and Sunday only. Oh, sure, once they get you hooked, they're outta here. I'll tell you, these touchy-feely types are just not to be trusted.

## Rubbing It In

So you were always the last one picked. So you keep telling people the "L" on your forehead is really for "Lucky." Now you'll be able to show your friends your latest accomplishment, your newest trophy, for the first annual Joseph Battell Award for Underwhelming Fiction. Just try to explain to the folks back home who Battell is and why Ellen is funny. Submit your feeblest 1-2 pages to Jim Miller, and the Gilmore guys will determine whose is the most deserving of welcome into the halls of literary mediocrity. By Monday, please. I'll bet that undisclosed prize has something to do with a fibrous vegetable.

## Those Stinky, Squirmey Crumb-snatchers

If you know someone who is about to produce one of those little squalling brats (knowing you would never do anything so counter-productive yourself) I know someone who is selling a Childcraft Crib and mattress, barely used, safe, and clean (\$200 or best offer). She's also selling a somewhat more used but cool nonetheless Emmaljunga Stroller and Bassinet/Carriage Combo, foldable but with real wheels and sturdy (\$50). Contact Maggie the Crumbudgeon.

## Lies, Lies, All Lies

In case you don't have enough to do, get down to work on those Top Ten Lies told at Bread Loaf! By Sunday night....

## **This Chimp Gets It On**

Some people would just leave this quotiddly thing alone, and move off of the sex question. But no, it seems as if there always has to be one more thing to say. I've been getting sexual details from around the globe and across the species...far more than you really want to read at lunch. From Porcuporn and the habits of the hedgehog (incidentally, they don't have sex for fun...and it only takes one minute), to the Bonobo Chimpanzee, whose name should probably be "bonerbo," I've heard it all. What's wrong with you people? Aren't you getting any? The thing about the Bonobo is that the Latin name is *Pan Paniscus*, which sounds suspiciously like a Bread Loaf. Well, these little primates do it constantly. With anybody.

All nine of the native place names were correctly identified by Jonathan Strong and Kurt Broderson. Doesn't Kurt have anything to do

**Today's Question:** The performers of the songs with the following lines are alliterative. What's the group, what's the song? Let me know today!

1. "Rockin' and a reelin'
2. "Come on without"
3. "Little Jackie"



# The Crumbsnatcher

A Back to the Basics Crumb, Transcribed by the Croutons

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July 27, 2001



Today's Tidbit: Visualize Whirled Peas.

Weather Report: cool and sunny into the weekend.  
Hallelujah! (SM)

TONIGHT'S MENU: MEAT LASAGNA  
OR NON MEAT LASAGNA,  
BROCCOLI & PEPPERS  
PARISIAN ~~PARISIAN~~ GARLIC  
~~PECAN~~ BREAD PECAN PIE  
(W)



And we think Vermont is north!

Mary Jane Litchard will show us what North is all about tonight at 7 in the Blue Parlor. Come see, perchance to buy, some of her terrific Truping artwork.  
(SM)



But whatever you do, don't suppress  
Batten down the hatches, lock your windows  
Keep the children and dogs indoors  
'cause Saturday night's the night we let out  
our suppressed desires. The Men of Annex  
bring us "American Dreams/American Nightmare  
at 9 in the barn, which one are you? (SM)

## Stress Management

Don't miss this opportunity for a fabulous massage from either Nanci Newton (yes, Peter's sister), LCMT or Deb Augusto, LCMT, or both at once. These two professional massage therapists will be on campus this weekend. Some of you may fondly remember their visit last year. They will be offering traditional Swedish massage, as well as deep tissue work at hour intervals beginning Friday evening after dinner and continuing through Sunday noon. They will also be offering something new: four handed massage which gives the best of both worlds—a relaxation massage with the focus work you may need! (SM) Prices are \$40/hour, or \$60/60 minutes of 4-handed massage. Sign up outside the Cornwall clinic.

Try a little laughter, too

Don't miss our movie selection this week, at 9pm tonight in the barn, Keeping the Faith will alternately make you laugh until you cry, or cry until you laugh. Or, if you're feeling hysterical, both at once. Imagine a priest and a rabbi renewing contact (in more ways than one) with their childhood sweetheart.... (SM)



# Madrigals Madly Music-Making

What with only a week left, The Madrigals will rehearse this Sunday 4:45 PM in the Dining Hall. We need everybody we can get! (GW)

Painful prose, perhaps?  
Don't forget to submit your wheezing Jim Miller By Monday for the first annual Joseph Battell Award for Underwhelming Fiction. Remember, the prize is everything...and there's a surprise prize! (ML)

SUNDAY BLUES  
THE BLUE PARROT  
READING IS AT  
7:30 (WITH A  
TERRIFIC  
SLATE OF READERS!)

AND A DISCUSSION  
about Gay-Straight Alliance  
will follow at 9 PM. IF you have  
QUESTIONS about the latter,  
or can't make the session, call  
Jonathan Strong at 2749. (ARCSM)

## Another Fun Sunday activity

Get a bunch of friends together, and laugh yourselves into hysterics by thinking up top ten lies heard a breadloaf. Fun them in to Maggie the Crumb by Sunday night!

Another chance to Relax  
Place the weekend in perspective

• during Abras Class Sunday Meditation  
8:45-9:45 in Barn Night from Your Pillow! (EJ) A. Bring



## Go West, young Loaf

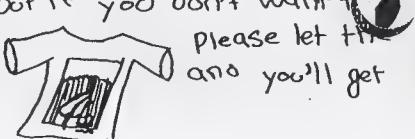
Having a job in Colorado?  
Check the Jobs Folders on Bread net

for an English

position in Fountain Valley and other  
Places too! (EJ)

## Charlie Orr T-Shirts And Something Extra

The Charlie Orr T-Shirts are in at the Front Desk. There was a slight printing error, however, so ALL of the shirts celebrate the class of 2001. We figure we'll use them any way, since after all, there are plenty of nice folks in the senior class. But if you don't want the shirt you ordered, Front Desk know your money back. (SM)



## Don't dodge these folger opportunities

Philadelphia, Dodge foundation funds 10 day-long in-service Folger education and festivals workshops for public school teachers in the Northeast (Pennsylvania and New Jersey on up). New Jersey workshops ~~are~~ completely funded by Dodge foundation; the foundation covers the costs of materials for other workshops in the northeast. Please visit the Folger site [www.Folger.edu](http://www.Folger.edu) and check out the education pages for more information or pick up a brochure under the map near breadloaf offices. The Folger also has a recent job opening for the education and festivals coordinator check out the job description on breadnet or talk to Janet if you are interested. (AL)

### Quotidly think

Congratulations to Kurt (again), who correctly connected song with the alliterate groups: 1. "Barbara Ann,"  
"B"uch boys 2. "The mighty Quinn," Manfred man 3. "Puff, the Magic dragon," Peter paul and mary. The kitchen stuff, Bob, Tony, Frenchie and Tim got "The mighty Quinn" too. Maybe they can get today answer, too...

Today's Question is a follow up:  
Manfred Mann had two really big hits, "Mighty Ann" and "Blinded By the Light."  
Both were written by much more famous performers. Who were they? (NL)



With special thanks to  
the Croutons kids  
& staff!

Don't miss Anya's  
stories on the back!

Enjoy... Maggie

Anya Levy

Gabe Z. Wolf

Sarah M

Anya Levy

ADIN LEVIT

Natw. Lezra  
F. A. Koya Abena Jack-Vi' Imen

## The Jaren affect by Anya Levy

by Anya M. Levy

There has been a rumor going around that Jaren has fractured his hand by running into the theater wall and the window supposedly attacked him—but that, I'm afraid to say isn't quite the truth. The real truth is that while Jaren was taking a long walk in the woods he ran into a moose who was looking at a bear! Now we know this would sound strange but when a moose is hungry his first thought is bear fureigh tonight! Well this moose was hungry! Suddenly Jaren is caught inbetween the moose and the bear. The bear makes an escape by climbing up a tree. The problem is the Jaren's hand is stuck in the bear's ear! Jaren drops from the tree onto the moose who is so surprised that he runs into campus! He is dropped off at the wonderful piano concert done by ~~Mark~~ the great (as they call him)! He quickly put the cast on to hide the bears ~~ear~~ sticky, yellow and sticky earwax. A big ~~mark~~ mind wear down until after 3 weeks, and the earwax dentist said won't ~~mark~~



## Adin's New Career by Anya Levy

Yesterday ~~Adin~~ <sup>Any M. Levy</sup> during the concert Adin Rose Levy started absentmindedly dancing, jitterbaging, as Miss Lola Rosenthal states it. She gets carried away as she ~~flies~~ <sup>flies</sup> across the floor with the ~~terrific~~ <sup>terrific</sup> Beth! Come to the suppressed distress to see a little of their dancing that you tragically missed at the concert.



# THE CRUMB

*The Bread Loaf School of English: No TVs, No Stereos, No Nothing—Since 1920*

Volume 82, Number 24

Monday, July 30, 2001

## Today's tidbit:

Interlocutor: "Our aim is to get you right, isn't it?"

Frost: "To get it understood right—How I mean it."

At Bread Loaf,  
Vermont, July 28,  
1955

Today's  
Events:  
Madrigals:  
4:45, Dining Hall  
Huddle Reading:  
7:15, Barn

Dinner Menu  
Marinated Broiled  
Tuna  
Red Bean &  
Artichoke Gratin  
Arborio Rice w/  
Black Pepper Sauce  
Spinach, Mushroom,  
& Fennel Saute  
Dill Bread  
Black Forest Cake

Weather  
Report  
Partly Cloudy  
today, then  
sunny  
tomorrow.  
highs in the  
70s.

## Huddle for Huddle Tonight

Join the community in the Barn tonight at 7:15 for David Huddle's annual Reading. He always packs the house, so come early to get a good seat. May include adult themes.

## The Dinner You've Been Waiting For

Tuesday's Dinner is a festive event, as the Waiters take the seats of honor and the Faculty and Seniors wait on them and the rest of us hand and foot. Faculty, please see Mike McGarty to be included in the fun and frolic....

## Percolating Campus Talent Fills the Cup

Come and see your classmates, roommates, and soulmates do their thing on Tuesday at 8:45 in the Barn. The Coffeehouse is an annual heartwarmer, from which you'll stagger in awe. Joy MacVey needs an accompanist to help with her performance...please see Joy if you can play the piano.

## Huddle's Poets Go Public

David Huddle's poetry workshop will have a reading at 7:30 PM on Tuesday in Barn 2. From diamonds in the rough to experienced Blue Parlorers, you'll hear a fabulous collection of new ideas in verse.

## Painful But Necessary Good-Bye Info for the Front Desk:

Please fill out, tear off, and hand in this form to the Front Desk, so they can plan for your champagne send-off and for graduation housing. We considered a large tent village in the meadow for our relatives, but decided that the coyotes might carry off our grannies. Please don't forget this little task!



NAME : \_\_\_\_\_

Room/House : \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Day of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_

I have a roommate: Yes   No

## When "C.U." Doesn't Mean "Good-bye"

Congratulations and Happy Anniversary wishes are in order for Jonathan Strong and Scott Elledge, who celebrated their eleventh anniversary by being the first civil union recorded at the Ripton Town Hall. On Friday, July 27, the State of Vermont, represented by Justice of the Peace Michael Olinick, officially recognized Jonathan and Scott's civil union. Present at the Friday morning ceremony on the green in Middlebury were Best Person Emily Bartels, the little Puerto Rican flower dog Jones, and an impromptu gathering of witnesses: Anna Belknap, Harriet Chessman, Jonathan Freed, Jacques Lezra, Brian McElheny, Bryan Wolf, and Micah Wolf. The happy couple celebrated their eleventh anniversary on Sunday, July 29.

## "Good-bye" Doesn't Have to Mean Good-bye, Either

You may have to leave the mountain, but it never really has to leave you...if you get on BreadNet when you get home. Directions for downloading BreadNet on to your computer are now available in the Apple Cellar.

## Master Builder Reconstructs Gilmore...

There will be a special Gilmore reading this week, on Wednesday night instead of Thursday, so as not to conflict with the opening night of Master Builder. So, do the Gilmore thing this week on Wednesday at 9 PM, up the road.

## ...And Builds Castles in the Air

Performances of Ibsen's *Master Builder* will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Seating is unreserved, but you need a ticket to get in. Pick either scaffold or chair seats when you sign up for your free ticket at the West Theater Box Office. Box Office Hours are 8-12 and 1-5. Faye says she still needs ushers for Friday and Saturday night's shows. Remember, those who ush get their pick of the seats. See Faye.

## Seniors Seek Songsmith

The Senior Class is looking for a pianist to serenade their reception following graduation in the Barn. Play some sort of relaxing or contemplative music (jazz? classical? new age?) for an hour or so, and receive a free dinner (?) or possibly some other form of remuneration. If you would be interested, drop a note to Jeff Klein or Robbie Harold.

## Don't Go It Alone

Alicia Lutz has room for a rider who'd like to be dropped off anywhere between Baltimore, MD and Hilton Head, SC (I-95 or I-26). She can be reached at Ext. 2734, or through email or internal mail.

## Clay Play

If you can get down to the main campus this week, the Crumb highly recommends the exhibit "Confrontational Clay: The Artist As Social Critic," in its last few days at the Middlebury College Art Museum.

## Quotiddly Think:

Scott Elledge, Liam Day, and Kurt Broderson would like people to know that Manfred Mann's big hits "The Mighty Quinn" and "Blinded by the Light" were written by Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen, respectively. They would also like to remind people that the word is "deuce," not "douche."

**Today's Question:** Which is the only state capital in the US without a McDonald's? What is its population?

## Lies, Lies, All Lies

10. "I only go to Gilmore for the reading."
10. "Actually, the only reason I'm purchasing a toothbrush five weeks into Bread Loaf is that the bristles got all disjointed in the one I've been using diligently."

9. "Oh, I put like \$20 in the printout box last Thursday."
9. "The Senior Class Gift will be vibrating fingers for the Adirondack chairs."
8. "Let's go to Lake Pleiad. We can get some work done."
8. "I know all the quiz questions...I just don't hand in my answers on time."
7. "It's summertime...you won't need your winter clothes."
7. "East Middlebury is east of Middlebury."
6. "Don't worry, that's the Davison Library, not Wofford's reserve reading."
6. "Tamarack was built on a hill in case of a flood."
5. "This Danielle Steele book is great for my Literary Modernisms paper."
5. "After 11 PM, phone conversations are broadcast live in Treman."
4. "It's okay, this is only a friendship ring."
4. "Yeah, my girlfriend/boyfriend really wants me to experiment with...whatever while I'm up here."
3. "It doesn't matter what I think. Write what you believe."
3. "I'd be delighted to proofread your paper."
2. "I've done *Middlemarch* with eighth-graders, no problem."
2. "At Oxford, they graduate in the nude—and you can hang your tassle anywhere you want."
1. "No, really, I plan to be out of here in two more years."
1. "Oh, I knew it wasn't mayo—I meant to put a dollop of pudding on my bread."

Thanks to everyone who submitted entries, and especially to Tim Horvath, who OWNS the Top Ten. Here's another bonus from Tim:

1. "It's strange, but making up entries for the top ten list totally helps me recharge my batteries so I can then go back and really refocus on my paper."

According to the scoring system only a Crumbler could understand, the Top Ten standings are as follows: Tim Horvath is the Big Ten on campus with 12, followed by Carita Gardner, with 5.5. The Men of Annex have 4 (although some of the 1-pointers live in the Annex and might want to talk to each other!), and are tied there with the Waitstaff. Chris Onken has 3, Kurt Broderson 2, and Dylan, Ben, Dan Ruff, Liz Boise, The Larch Women, and Jay Crawford-Kelley all have one apiece. How about a real push for the last Top Ten of the Summer of 2001:

**Top Ten Ways You Know You're Sleep-Deprived.** Please submit your answers to Maggie the Crumb by Sunday night!



# THE CRUMB

*You Don't Need An Address When You Live in Your Head*

Volume 82, Number 25

Tuesday, July 31, 2001

**Today's tidbit:**  
"...for a writer to study literature at a university would be like learning about girls at medical school...."

--Shashi Tharoor,  
author of the Great Indian Novel

**Today's Events:**  
**Madrigals:**  
5:00, Dining Hall  
**Faculty/Senior Waitstaff Dinner:**  
6:00, Dining Hall (waiters at 5:15)  
**Poetry Workshop Reading:**  
7:30, Barn 2  
**Coffeehouse:**  
8:45, Barn

**Dinner Menu**  
Braised Venison  
Veg. Stew  
Brown/Wild Rice  
Popovers  
Sponge Cake w/  
Sauce

**Weather Report**  
Partly Cloudy today, then sunny tomorrow. highs in the 70s. Drought in effect.

## Wait Not, Want Not

Don't miss tonight's fun at dinner, when the seniors and faculty say, "thank you" to the waitstaff, by seating them at the tables of distinction, waiting on them hand and foot, and giving speeches which will be, well, memorable. Sit in your favorite faculty member's section, and order lots of extraordinary things! Faculty, see Mike McGarty so as not to miss out on this frolic. All Seniors and Faculty on the waitstaff for tonight, please report to the Dining Hall at 5:15 today.

## Huddle's Poets Can Read, Too!

Join David Huddle's Poetry Workshop in a celebration of poetry tonight, at 7:30 in Barn 2, when they share their summer's accomplishments. The list of readers is posted around campus; they are among the best.

## Java and Jive

Tonight at 8:45, the Barn is the place to be, when the community gathers for the annual Coffeehouse/Talent extravaganza. You always suspected your classmates of harboring secret talents, and now you'll get to be awed by them. Come one, come all. You won't forget it.

## Painful But Necessary Good-Bye Info for the Front Desk:

Please fill out, tear off, and hand in this form to the Front Desk, so they can plan for your champagne send-off and for graduation housing. We considered a large tent village in the meadow for our relatives, but decided that the coyotes might carry off our grannies. Please don't forget this little task!

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_

Room/House : \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Day of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_

I have a roommate: Yes   No

## Madly Madrigalling

Jay Crawford-Kelly reminds Madrigalists to please meet today at 5 PM in the Dining Hall, but tomorrow and Thursday at 5 PM on the West Lawn.

## Midd Summer's Night Dreams

Don't forget to reserve your free tickets for either scaffold- or seat-seating for this summer's dramatic explosion, Ibsen's *Master Builder*. Box Office hours are 8-12 and 1-5...enter on the west side of the Theater. Seating is not reserved; you'll enter the Theater immediately following the Madrigals' performance. Faye still needs ushers for Friday and Sunday's performances...you'll get the best seats! See Faye.

## Writers in the Middst

Gather in the Barn on Wednesday at 7:15 PM for a reading by Michelle Stepto, Martha Andreas, and Scott Elledge. This opportunity to hear works by otherwise relatively quiet members of our community is a perennial favorite.

## Wildlife Sighting? Gilmore Gets Going Early

9 PM Wednesday signals the start of an early Gilmore Reading this week, as the Gilmore Men host their party in advance of the play.

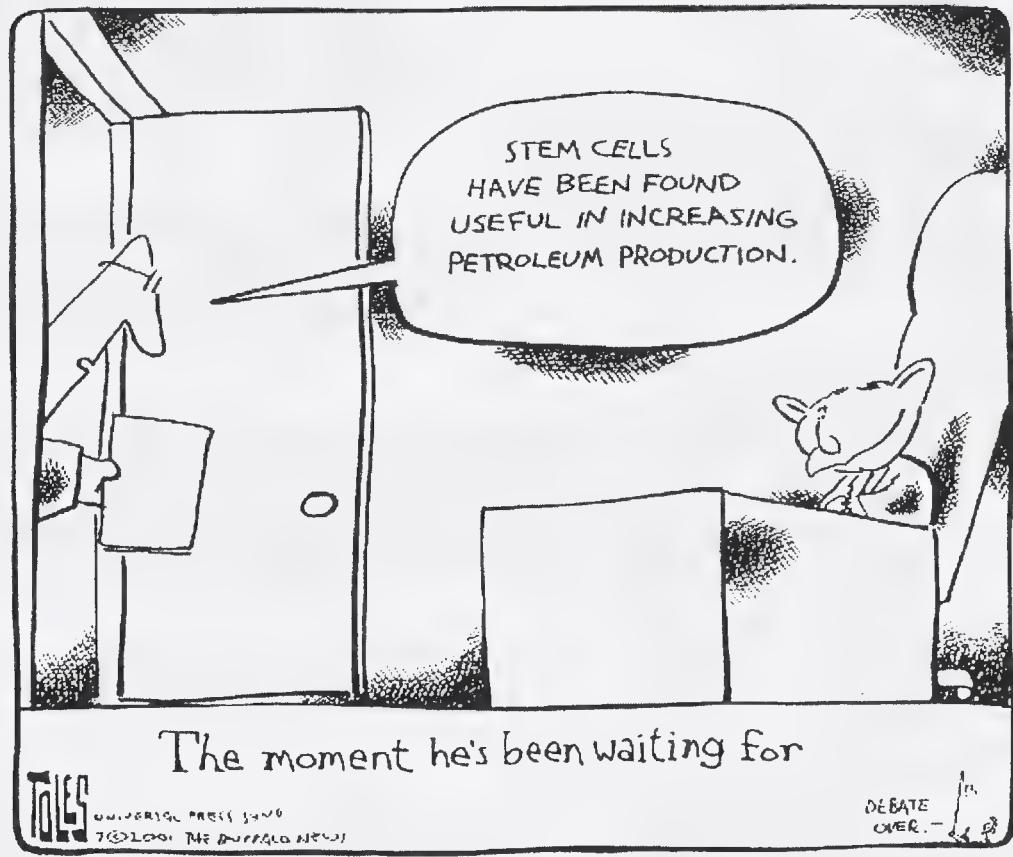
## Wildlife Sighting? Runaway Glasses

It's important to return to the Dining Hall any and all glasses you have in your rooms. This is ESPECIALLY true of the yellow and pale blue ones, without which the Treman receptions will have to provide drinks poured into peoples' outstretched hands. Please return these glasses right away...the next reception is tomorrow!

## Quotiddly Think

Sandy writes from the Cornwall Clinic, "not only do we have Jim Jeffords, but we have the only state capital without a McDonalds...Montpelier, VT." Kurt Broderson adds, "The answer is Montpelier, population 8247 according to the 1990 census [it's now closer to 9,000]. Kind of funny considering McDonalds was founded by two brothers from Vermont, Richard and Maurice McDonald, not Ray Kroc. Kroc was the mixmaster salesman who discovered the McDonalds' business was selling an awful lot of milkshakes and came up with the idea of franchising. He tried to buy the original site from the brothers, but they wouldn't sell. He bought a site across the street and put them out of business. The rest, as they say, is history."

**Today's Question is a Kurt-stumper:** Everyone who gets part of this correct gets credit, but Kurt has to get them both. Identify **two** 6-letter words that begin and end with the **SAME** vowel, and have no vowels in between.



## MEN'S CROSSWORD

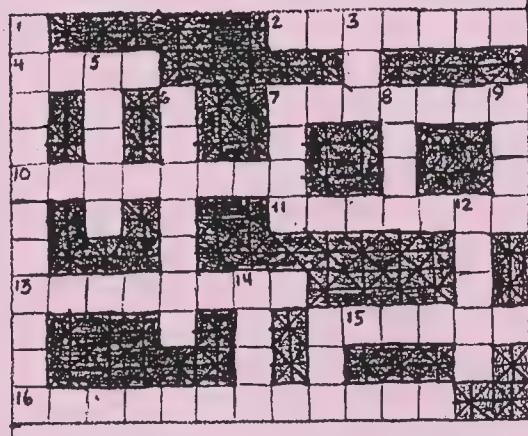
Complete the puzzle to find out what's for dinner.

### Down

1. Greek pastry, with spinach
3. Battell's Place
5. Men's dorm
6. Bug Bunny's favorite meal
7. Ewe's progeny
8. Words on a page
9. Gospel choir has plenty of it
12. Women's dorm
14. To correct

### Across

2. The ultimate game
4. Visualize whirled \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Ben & Jerry's moneymaker
11. Bread Loaf benefactor
13. Vegetable who defeated Dan Quayle
15. Rocker spot
16. Manna with peach impostor



## Quotidly Think:

Yesterday's question, "what two 6-letter words begin and end with the same vowel, and have only consonants between," was quickly answered by Kurt and Liam. Kelly Kopcial got one of them, too. Then Kurt has the audacity to add this: The ones you expected are asthma and isthml, but here's another one for the Crumb. If you don't believe me, look it up!

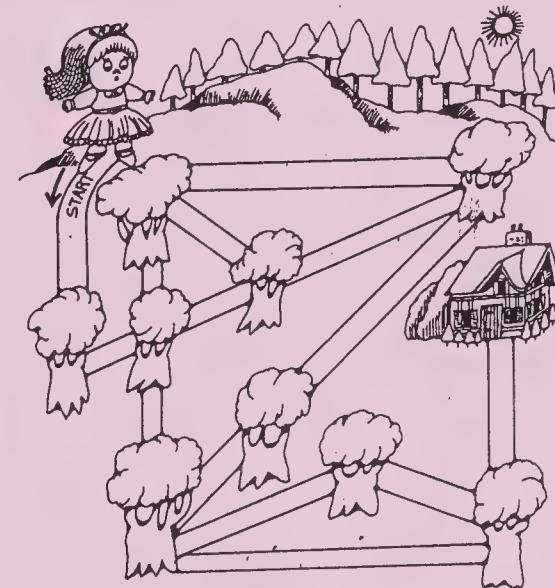
**aphtha** *n. (pl. -ae )* small white spot or small ulceration on mucous membrane, etc. in humans or animals; disease associated with aphthae, such as thrush.

Today's Question: Identify the plant pictured below. (sorry, cybercrumbers!)

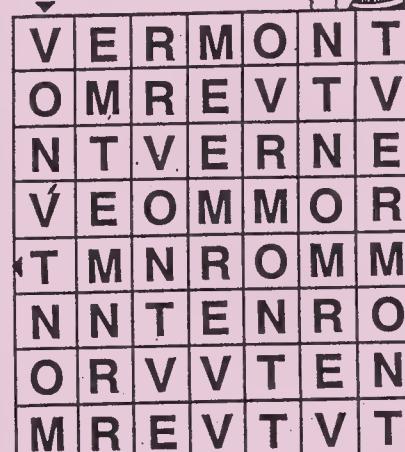


## Touch the Trees

Ellen has been invited to Treman at 5 PM. She must follow the path to Treman. She must touch each tree, but she can touch them only once—she cannot go back to any tree again. Can you help her find the correct path to Treman?



## Scrambled Ducks



How many ducks did Huck see on the river?

# The Kiddie Krumb

August 1, 2001

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Today's Tidbit: "When in doubt, keep in mind that 'O gallant Piglet' is always a very thoughtful way to begin a piece of poetry." Congratulations to Charles Byrne, who has won the Annual Bread Loaf Poetry Prize, with his "Sonnet for K."

## WORD SEARCH

See if you can find all of the following cast and crew members of Ibsen's *Master Builder* in the boxes below. The play opens Thursday, and will run every night at 8:30 through Sunday. The Madrigals will sing on the lawn at 8 PM. There are still scaffold seats available for all performances, and some regular seats as well for Sunday.

Find the names identified by **bold type** (with apologies to those whose names didn't fit):

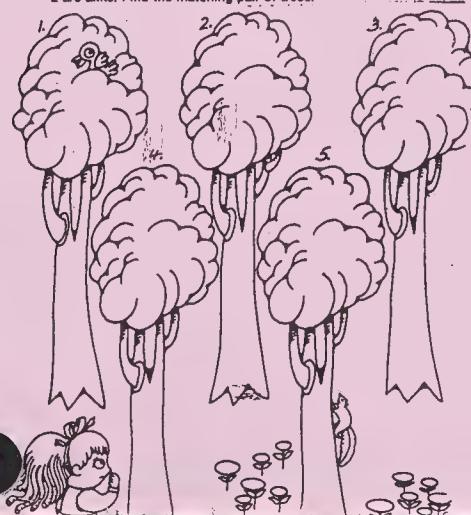
### Ibsen

**Anna Belknap** as Hilda  
**Jonathan Fried** as Solness  
**Brian McEleney** as Dr. Herdal  
**Sean Meehan** as Ragnar Brovik  
**Pam Newton** as Kaja  
**Barry Press** as Knut Brovik  
**Annie Scurria** as Aline  
**Alan MacVey**, Director  
**Amy Stern**, Stage Manager  
**Mike McGarty**, Set Designer  
**Rachel Carlson**, Prop Mistress  
**Faye Christensen**, Theatre Manager  
**Heath Hansum**, Technical Director  
**Jean Newkirk**, Costumer  
**Clinton O'Dell**, General Technician  
**Rodney Young**, Master Electrician

ROCPLNRA DLIH  
ANNAMOA ZRAKQ  
CEJMITGYRRAB  
HAELPNNSOAJR  
EYAFEIASDGAI  
LKNUTLRENALA  
TESBWCGNEOLN  
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LBPNPNBHTAEH  
AI JONATHANHW

## Look-Alike Trees

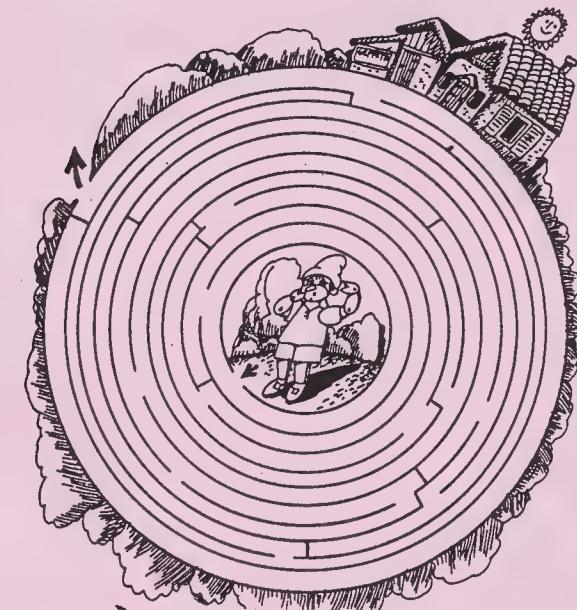
**Ellen** wanders into the forest. She sees many trees, but only 2 are alike. Find the matching pair of trees.



## Anagram

Complete the following anagram puzzle to discover the location of the Madrigal rehearsal today at 5 PM.

1. Pleasant servers who deserve our courteous best
2. When you come to Bread Loaf, you \_\_\_\_\_ new friends
3. The title of the big play
4. A dangerous game played on the big field
5. A secluded body of water with a floating log
6. Gathering place
7. Clinic and massage therapy center
8. Welcoming place



### "HELP ME GET TO GILMORE" MAZE

Pinocchio wants more than anything to get to Gilmore tonight at 9 PM. Help him find his way.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_



# THE HO-HUM CRUMB

*More News; Less Style*

Volume 82, Number 27

Thursday, August 2, 2001

## Today's tidbit:

"The secret of power is never to will to do more than you can accomplish."  
--Henrik Ibsen

## Today's Events:

Madrigals: 8:00, Lawn  
Master Builder: 8:30-10:30 Theater

## Dinner

**Menu**  
Spaghetti with Meatballs  
Spaghetti with Seitan Sauce  
Broccoli  
Garlic Bread  
Banana Cream Pie

## Weather Report

Drought. Sunny with occasional clouds for the next few days. High 80s today.

### **Master Builder Opens Tonight**

One of the great plays of modern drama, this is the story of an architect, whose life is at a standstill, and who is challenged by a young woman to "do the impossible"—climb as high as he builds. The play will be performed by our Acting Ensemble, directed by Alan MacVey. There are still some scaffold seats available for 8:30-10:30 PM performances through Sunday night.

**Nota Bene: If you see candles outside the Theater, please pass silently!** The candles indicate that the show is underway. Also, if you have tickets you cannot use, please turn them back in to Faye as soon as you can. There are lots of people who'd like to go to the show.

#### **Tips for Theatergoers:**

Come to the Madrigals at 8 PM prepared to enter the Theater as soon as they finish. There will be two ten-minute intermissions. No one will be seated late, or be able to leave during the performance (you would have to cross the stage). If it's cool, bring a sweater. If it's hot, bring a hand fan. The doors will be open for some of the show, so you might want bug spray.

### **The Walden Project:**

#### **Not Just a Pond Anymore**

Come to Barn 1 at 5 PM on Friday to find out from former Bread Loafer Matt Schlein about an innovative public high school initiative where students are living out the visions of Henry David Thoreau in the hills of Vermont. There will be a short presentation about the specifics of the project and a lively question and answer period.

### **Attention Seniors**

Please be sure you have made ALL graduation reservations (banquet seating, wine, and rooms for "rellies") and surrendered the relevant funds by **FRIDAY** (Aug. 3).

### **Form-al Directions From The Office**

#### **1) Reapplication Forms.**

If you wish to attend one of Bread Loaf's campuses next year, fill out a pink reapplication form and turn it in to the Bread Loaf office before you leave. You should fill one out even if you are not sure you will return. (There will be meetings early next week with Jim to discuss life at the other campuses and procedures for getting there.)

#### **2) Evaluation Forms.**

Bread Loaf desperately needs the help of every student. Please fill out an evaluation form (in your mailboxes by today) and turn it in to the Bread Loaf office before leaving.

#### **3) Transcript Request Forms.**

Each student will be mailed a grade report. However, if an official transcript is needed for school districts or any other reason, please fill out the transcript request form and turn in to the Bread Loaf office with required fees. First transcripts ever from Middlebury College are free. Others are \$5 each.

### **Come One, Come Run, Come All for Fun**

At 10 AM Saturday, the community meets at the erstwhile Johnson Pond to set off on a three-mile race, run, jog, walk in honor of our departed friend Charlie Orr. The most important thing is that we enjoy the event together, in a spirit of community that Charlie would have loved. The Front Desk still has some t-shirts waiting to be picked up.

### **B.Y.O. Dance Saturday Late**

Because the play doesn't end until 10:30 PM, we will not have a typical dance on Saturday night (there's also no movie on Friday....). Instead, there'll be a less formal (no need to rent a tux this time) bring-your-own-beer, bring-your-own-tunes party. We'll have a boom box available until 1 AM. Come have a do-it-yourself blast!

## In Case You're Packing Early...

...and you have too many books, Al Gottlieb will be here from the Nebraska Book Company on Wednesday, Aug. 8 (the last day of classes). He'll be in the Barn, and will be prepared to buy back books. If you're like me and you can't stand the thought of selling books you've just made part of your life, see the Front Desk about the possibility of shipping them or anything else you might need to ship home.

## Quotiddly Think

Kurt, once a Boy Scout, sends this rhyme to help us all remember how to identify this misanthrope of a plant: "Leaflets three, let it be; berries white, poisonous sight." Yup, it's poison ivy. Chris Oostenink also got the plant and the rhyme.

## Today's Question (Kurt'll NEVER get this!):

What do you call a group of...

1. badgers
2. cats
3. crows
4. foxes
5. jellyfishes
6. magpies
7. owls
8. starlings
9. ferrets
10. cobras

## The Promised Prize-winning Poem

by Charles Byrne

### Sonnet for K

Kathleen asleep on the couch,  
her thick curlish hair  
a rainforest, with their  
tender  
little trees meticulously  
I both am repulsed  
to mingle blood and spit  
regret.  
Conceived just as  
from the beginning

that formed and fissured  
Now her stomach has been  
by a churlish tube trailing  
(and little).  
They might have  
through the front, as  
Her dreams bleed

Head buried in her arm,  
makes her arms  
rows of red tendrils,

rooted from a razor.  
and want to kiss them,  
in an absurd gesture of

our parents separate,  
she was the

in our family.  
pumped empty of pills  
inside, leaving only acid

just gone in  
she would have gone.  
into a slight Zoloft smile.

I want to have grafted something fertile into her heart.  
I want, someday, to write of days in which I did not fail her.



# COOL AS A CUCRUMBER

*Overheated - since 1920*

Volume 82, Number 28

Friday, August 3, 2001

## Today's Cool Tidbit:

On this day in 1958, the Nautilus traveled under the North Pole. It dived at Point Barrow, and traveled nearly 1,000 miles under the Arctic ice cap. It then carried on to Iceland. Brrr!

## Today's Events:

**Madrigals:**  
8:00, Lawn  
**Master Builder:**  
8:30-11:00  
Theater

## Dinner Menu

Pork Chops & Applesauce  
Eggplant Pasticcio  
Tomato/Basil, & Fresh Mozzarella  
Maple Grain Bread  
Peach Cobbler

## Weather Report

Scattered thunderstorms today, sunny and hot this weekend. Thundershowers possible.

### Taking a Dip in Walden Pond

Drop by Barn 1 today at 5 PM to see what former Bread Loafer Matt Schlein has done with Thoreau in public high schools. His innovative program has students living out the Walden vision in the hills of Vermont. His short presentation about the specifics will be followed by a lively question and answer session.

### Critics Say *Master Builder* is "Really Cool"

There are still a few seats available in the Burgess Meredith Theater for 8:30-11:00 performances of Ibsen's great work, brought to us by the Acting Ensemble, directed by Alan MacVey. Come see if an architect in the doldrums can prove to a young lady that he can climb as high as he builds. The Crumb's favorite line: Girl to Builder: "Out with your pencil!...I know you have one on you!" Hm.

**Note:** Candles outside the Theater mean, "Hush, y'all!"

Come hear the Madrigals at 8 PM before the show, and if you're holding theater tickets, be ready to sit as soon as they've finished. No one can be seated late, or be allowed to leave once seated (you'd have to cross the stage).

Dress for warm & buggy, as the doors will be open during parts of the show, and the two intermissions are outside.

**Faye still needs ushers** for tonight and Sunday. Remember, ushers get the best seats!

### Seniors Are the Coolest

...but not if they've forgotten to reserve space at their Banquet table, wine, or a room for their guests! Today's the last possible day to make and pay for your graduation reservations. See the Front Desk.

### Even The Forms Are Cool

#### 1) Reapplication Forms.

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### Fun Run Begins and Ends with Johnson Pond

Pick up your t-shirt from the Front Desk (if you haven't already), and get down to Johnson Pond by 10 AM Saturday morning for the Annual Charlie Orr Fun Run. Walk it, run it, race like the wind, the point is to get as large a group as we can to have fun doing something ambulatory. So, get out from behind that desk and amble!

### Freelance Dance:

#### A Chance for Cool Romance

At 11 PM on Saturday (or as soon as the play's done), bring **your boom box**, your cd's, and your drinks over to the Barn, for a do-it-yourself splash. Remember, if it's danceable, it works, but don't forget to take turns....

### **Cool Blue**

Yup, Sunday night's the last, the longest Blue Parlor fest. Gather at 7:30 PM for some terrific student reading.

### **Totally Cool Way to "Process" the Play**

You are invited to attend Michael Cadden's class in Barn 1 on Monday morning at 8:45, at which time there will be a discussion with Alan MacVey and some of the Actors regarding *Master Builder*.

### **If You're BLTN Hot, Cool Off Dixie's Way**

Monday at 5 PM, enjoy a fabulous send-off on the Frothingham Porch. Dixie says, Don't miss this one!

### **Still Hot? Try a Different Campus**

Jim will meet with all those interested in attending Bread Loaf New Mexico or Alaska on Monday at 5 PM in Barn 2 (there will be a meeting about Oxford on Tuesday in the same place). If you have questions about life there, or procedures on how to get there, please attend.

### **Writing About a Cool Place**

Harriet Chessman's Writing About Place class will be presenting a reading at 7:00 in Barn 1 on Monday night. Come and enjoy!

### **The Directing Scenes are Cool to Go**

Please attend the six Directing Scenes, ready to begin in the Theater from 7-9 on Monday night. Staged presentations are much cooler with an audience! Check Monday's Crumb for specific Directors' names and the times of their scenes.

### **20% Cooler in the Bookstore**

Nearly everything's 20 % off at the Bread Loaf Bookstore all next week (8/6-8/10)! Buy it up; ship it home...that way, Heather doesn't have to carry it back down the mountain.

### **Cool Crumb Ride Guide (a new column)**

Today's ride posting is for Thursday, Aug. 9. Kathy Carroll is looking for someone to share a cab or give her a ride to the Burlington Airport, anytime before noon or 1 PM at the latest. Please contact Kathy through email, internal mail, or at Inn #4.

### **Moose, Coyote, and a Meadow**

#### **Sprite. Cool!**

The wildlife have really been hopping around here lately (and not just the mice, who've been hopping into your drawers). Molly and Craig, Radha and Robbie communed with mooses, and the coyotes have been pounce-drunk ever since the meadow got mowed. And then there was that meadow-sprite, rarely seen but spotted this year from the Treman porch at Wednesday's reception.

### **VT Cool: Good Sleeping Weather...**

I think I hit a nerve with the **Top Ten Ways You Know You're Sleep-Deprived**. Steven Gordon threatened to turn himself in as evidence. Groggy students have been coming up with some good responses...how about you? Your last chance....Get them to me by Sunday night, okay? Maggie the crumb

### **Sittin' in the Quotiddly Sink**

Kurt cools the competition once again by getting all ten of the answers correct...**Samantha Dunaway** almost had them all, too. Samantha's other favorites: an exaltation of larks, a blush of boys, and a pace of asses.

1. a cete of badgers
2. a clowder (or clutter) of cats
3. a murder of crows
4. a skulk (or leash) of foxes
5. a smack of jellyfishes
6. a tiding of magpies
7. a parliament of owls
8. a murmuration (or chattering) of starlings
9. a business (or fesnyng) of ferrets
10. a quiver of cobras

**Today's Cool Question:** Who invented the game of snow golf?

### **Un-Cool Layout Corrected**

Yesterday's Crumb included Charles Byrne's award-winning poem, in a less-than award-winning layout. Pick up your own, Crumb-free copy in the Dining Hall today. It's the way Charles intended it to be.



# QUEEN MUM CRUMB

*"Bless 'er, she's such a wonderful woman" -Since 1900*

Volume 82, Number 29

Monday, August 6, 2001

**Today's Tidbit,  
heard at midday:**  
says the Queen  
Mother to her  
manservants, "will  
you two old queens  
hurry up with the gin  
for another old  
queen?"

**Today's Events:**  
New Mexico,  
Alaska Meeting:  
5 PM, Barn 2  
**BLTN Porch Party:**  
5, Frothingham  
Writing About  
Place Reading:  
7 PM, Barn 1  
**Directing Scenes:**  
7 PM, Theater

**Dinner Menu**  
Tea & Crumb-pets  
Trout Almondine  
Yellow Lentils  
Roasted Potatoes  
Beans & Summer  
Squash  
Sponge Cake

## Weather Report

Sunny and HOT.  
Thundershowers  
possible late in the  
day. Same today  
and tomorrow.

### The Queen Mum Crumb

In honor of the Queen Mum's 101<sup>st</sup> birthday, Jim's safe return, and the Oxford graduation....

### Jim Survives Mad Ox

Car bombs, mad cow disease, and "foot in mouth" [sic] dangers avoided, Jim Maddox has returned safely from Oxford. Welcome back again!

### It's Over Over There

The Bread Loaf Oxford session has wound up, with commencement exercises held on Saturday night. Now don't go getting your jealous knickers in a twist; they started earlier than usual relative to the Vermont campus this summer. The following seniors received their M.A.: Anne Berlin, Dean Blasé, Christa Bruce, Justin Chapman, David Christie, Nona Edelson, Mark Feiner, Richard Gorham, Nagihan Haliloglu, Eric Hoffman, Heidi Imhof, Jeffrey Mackey, Christopher McDonald, Jane Moore, Josina Reaves, Mohsin Tejani, German Urioste, Caroline Waldron-Brown, Jason Whitney, and Margaret Wickwire. Michael Atkins completed his M. Litt. Congratulations to the graduates! Class Presidents were David Christie and Heidi Imhof. John Wilders gave the commencement address, and the hooder was Peter McCullough, Lincoln College Fellow.

### The Nation's Favorite Granny Says,

"if you're BLTN, don't forget to join Dixie on the Porch at Frothingham, for an end of the summer hurrah." 5-6 PM today.

### Mum Finds the Horse-racing's Better at the Other Campuses

Race off to the meeting today at 5 PM in Barn 2 if you're interested in knowing more about the New Mexico and Alaska campuses. The Oxford meeting will be held at 5 in Barn 2 on Tuesday.

### Directing a Scene: Just Like Running the Royal Family

...but this Directing Workshop makes it look easy. They will present their final scenes, performed by students, tonight beginning at 7 PM in the Theater. Everyone is invited to attend. Please enter the Theater on the EAST side, and only come and go between scenes. The approximate schedule is:

7:00 "Sally & Maraz," directed by Marcia Pitcher

7:20 "Waiting for Lefty," dir. by Seth Potter

7:40 "Seascape," dir. by Jenny Smith

7:55 "All in the Timing," dir. by Barbara Gossett

8:10 "Betrayal," dir. by Lisa Richardson

8:20 "Whirligig," dir. by Anne Roberts

### The Isle of May is Mum's Special Place

Do come to a celebration of personal essays about place tonight at 7 p.m. in Barn 1. Members of Harriet Chessman's Writing About Place will be sharing selections from the splendid array of creative nonfiction they've produced this summer. Come hear about family, food, quests, travel (in "Burbans" and on buses), landscapes and cityscapes, the uncertainty of memory, the yearning to understand a place and to capture it on paper.

### His Finest Hour

Come join the community in the Barn at 8:30 PM Tuesday and/or 9 PM Wednesday for Ed Brown's slide show and nostalgia adventure.

### How to Perfect the Royal Wave, or Make Up Your Own

No, it's not a new course title for next year, it's the invitation to Carol MacVey's Improvisation Class presentation, Tuesday night at 7:30 in Barn A.

### A Royal Jumble Sale

Come by the Bookstore any day this week to receive 20% off nearly any purchase.

### Need to Recoup Some Summer Cash?

Some ways you and the Queen Mum differ: She wouldn't realize that a book is for reading, she would merely raise the taxes if she needed some extra cash, and she has people to carry her things....The Nebraska Book Company will turn the Barn into a smaller version of the 16<sup>th</sup> c. St. Paul's Booksellers stalls when they arrive to buy back your used books on Wednesday, August 8, from 10-4.

### Need A Ride? Mum Offers Her "Little Golf Chariot"

But in case she's unable to oblige, the following people need rides: To Montreal (Dorval Airport) sometime before noon on Friday, drop a note to Lou McCall, or call ext. 2784. And Heidi Rubin de La Borbolla needs a ride to Burlington anytime after 5:30 Wednesday and before 4 AM Thursday. All riders or drivers, please don't forget to check the Rides folder in the Cyberbarn, too!

### A Special Visit from Albion

Not only did the transatlantic winds blow Jim Maddox back to us, they carried Isobel Armstrong to us as well. Look for her to share a hello!

### "PC Monitor"

Is not the new name for the Queen Mum's Verbal Guard...instead, it's what Pam Newton is trying to sell...in perfect condition and at a reduced price. Let her know right away if you're interested.

### Bear-Baiting at Porter Cottage

Melinda Merriam reports a bear sighting near her place just past the east meadow. She said it was youngish, and not much bigger than her Siberian Husky, but it galumphed satisfactorily across the road. It left Melinda feeling a bit like Solness...what she wished would come to her did!

### Kalli: "My Bottom Feels Like the Queen Mum's Bum"

To inaugurate Middlebury College's 201<sup>st</sup> year, Kalli Federhofer rode his bicycle to the Canadian border and back yesterday, a distance of approximately 205 miles. Let's see...when the College turns 250, Kalli will be how old?

**Many thanks for help** with today's Crumb to Steven Gordon, who does a fabulous rendition of, "Bless 'er, she's such a wonderful woman," Isobel Armstrong, who knew exactly what the Queen Mum says when she asks for her gin, and Christian Billings, who says he provided no help at all and would just like everyone to know that a friend of his is dating Mum, so you'd better keep "yer 'ands off."

### First Glamis, then Cawdor, then the Royals' roost...when is there time to sleep?

You may know that the Queen Mum is actually Elizabeth of Glamis, which, as *Macbeth* fans know, is where the wicked King got his start. Busy as he was, he, too, suffered from sleep deprivation. This week's Top Ten Ways You Know You're Sleep-Deprived:

10. You think the meadow is on the move.
9. Staying on at Bread Loaf instead of returning HOME sounds like a great way to spend your last days of summer. (Anon.)
8. Fennel becomes one of your favorite foods. (PD)
7. A cold shower in Cherry or the Annex sounds like a wise idea. (Fry)
6. You drive all the way up to class, thrilled to find the perfect parking space right next to the Barn, only to discover that you forgot to drop your kid off at Croutons. (CG)
5. You brilliantly link your analyses of scenes from *Master Builder*, only to realize your class is discussing *Ulysses*. (CG)
4. You start to wonder if you can get an intravenous drip of caffeine installed in the Apple Cellar. (CG)
3. You wonder why your professor hasn't introduced her triplet sisters, only to realize that if you squint your eyes, two of them disappear. (CG)
2. You can come up with forty-five ways you know you're sleep-deprived, but not two sentences of your final essay. (CG)
1. You finally just have to ask, "So, Professor, if I don't do the final essay, how much will it hurt my grade?" (CG)

Congratulations to a sleepy but happy Carita Gardiner, who blasted ahead of an even sleepier Tim Horvath to take over the Top Ten Honors for 2001. It's okay, Carita, with a little rest, you'll stop raising your hand to ask your 2.5 year old daughter a question at dinner. Hip Hip Hooray for all who participated!

### Quotiddly Hum

The answer to Friday's quiz question, who invented snow golf, was Rudyard Kipling, who thought of this game while he was living in Brattleboro, VT. Said our Mum, "Now there's a good boy. But who's this Burt Kroderson fellow, who keeps on with this Quotiddly thing?" Samantha Dunaway writes that there's a snow golf tournament called the Bering Sea Ice Classic in March, if anyone would like to play. She said the Snowshow Softball Game is always a blast, too.

**Today's Question:** What are the Queen Mum's London digs?



# THE CRUMB

*Bread Loaf School of English: Now Featuring Pa-per View*

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Tuesday, August 7, 2001

## Today's Tidbit

"God gave a loaf to every bird—  
But just a Crumb  
—to Me--"

—Emily Dickinson

## Today's Events:

### Oxford Meeting:

5 PM, Barn 2

### Improvisation Presentation:

7:30 PM, Barn 1

### Slide Show:

8:30 PM, Barn

### Wednesday:

Lunch Picnic, 12:45,  
(weather permitting)

Senior Reception, 5  
Closing Banquet, 6  
Slide Show, 9, Barn

## Dinner Menu

### Moroccan Chicken

#### Breast

Turkish beans,  
potatoes, etc.

Artichokes &  
Tomatoes with  
garlic & feta  
Blackberry pie

## Weather Report

Sunny and HOT.  
Thundershowers  
possible late in the  
day. Same today  
and tomorrow.

**Read This Carefully! There may  
be a test on it tomorrow.**

## Students Set Sights on Satellite Sites

Jim Maddox will meet today at 5 in Barn 2 with anyone interested in attending Bread Loaf at Lincoln College, Oxford. If you are interested in attending ANY of Bread Loaf's summer sessions next year, please don't forget to fill out a reapplication form available outside the Bread Loaf office.

**Slide Show Celebrates Summer**  
Expectations surrounding Ed Brown's Annual Slide Show and Nostalgia Adventure are higher than the Master Builder can climb, for sure. Come see for yourself why this Bread Loaf tradition both tickles the funny bone and tugs the heart strings. Ed offers two showings this summer: tonight at 8:30, and Wednesday at 9 PM, in the Barn.

## Their Motto:

### "Improv is Better than Email"

Come see the Improvisation Class present work from their collaboration tonight in Barn 1 from 7:30 to 9:30ish. Watch out...this is the group who did the by now notorious Gilmore Hamlet!

## Seniors' Shrimp at Earthworm

Director Jim Maddox invites all seniors to a farewell reception tomorrow at 5 PM. And just so that the name of the Manor is not lost on the attendees, you will have to wend your way through the dirt on Route 125 to get to Earthworm. (Rain location is Treman.)

## Farewell Fare

Come one and all to the official closing of the 2001 summer session at a Banquet tomorrow night at 6 PM in the Dining Hall. Jim will speak on this summer past and offer parting words for those leaving the mountain, while Emily makes rabbit ears behind his head.

## Ante-Commencement Anti-Prom

Seniors and students remaining on campus through Commencement weekend are invited to Friday night's Senior Anti-Prom, the final dance of the 2001 summer session. All Seniors are Kings and Queens, you don't have to have a date, and there are no corsages or limousines. All are welcome to attend the celebration, which take place in the Barn from 9 PM until 1 AM-ish.

## Commencement Festivities

Those staying on campus through Commencement weekend will be treated to a **picnic lunch** on Saturday to be held on the West Lawn at 12:45 PM. The **Commencement Banquet** will take place in the dining hall beginning at 6:00 PM, with the Commencement **Ceremony** itself starting shortly after the end of the meal (approximately 8:15 PM) in the Burgess Meredith Little Theater. Following the conferring of the degrees, a **reception** in the Barn will honor and celebrate the newly-hatched graduates. **All are welcome** to come and pay tribute to the Bread Loaf Class of 2001.

## Summer Sales Started

The crowds at the Book Store have died down somewhat after Heather Best was besieged by bargain-hunters Monday morning for the start of the Summer Sale. Most of what's left can be yours for 20% off through the end of the week. The Bookstore closes for the summer at 11:30 on Friday. **Seniors may pick up and pay for caps & gowns today through Friday morning.** Bookstore hours through Friday: Tues. 3-5, W 8:30-11:30, Th 10:00-12:45, F 8:30-11:30.

**Sell your used books** back to the Nebraska Book Company tomorrow in the Barn from 10-4.

For Sale: One special Middlebury College embossed, matted diploma frame. Will fit the Bread Loaf diploma. If interested, see Judy Jessup in the office.

## Computer Center Sets Session-End Schedule

Bread Loaf's Apple Cellar will remain fully functional through normal operating hours tomorrow. After that, the schedule is as follows: Thursday regular hours until 10 PM or so; Friday from 9:00 AM-12:45 PM and 2:00-5:45 PM; and Saturday from 9:00 AM-12:45 PM only. After that, the center will be shut down. Apple Cellar patrons are also prompted to pay for printing if they haven't already done so; collection boxes await your made-good debts.

For students wishing to remain in touch over the school year via BreadNet: instructions for downloading the necessary software can be picked up in the Apple Cellar.

## Final Formalities

1. Bread Loafers are reminded to turn in their **evaluation & reapplication forms** prior to leaving campus this week.
2. Also, please be sure to check around your room and study spaces one last time for books which should be returned to the library. **Overdue fines** which are small at summer's end can grow quite large as the regular school year progresses.
3. Students **shipping** books, computers, and other such items home via UPS are reminded that packages will be accepted **Wednesday and Thursday mornings only**. Check with Ed immediately (i.e. today) if you anticipate problems.
4. Wednesday afternoon's **van run** to Middlebury will be the last of the session. Please schedule your late-week travels accordingly.
5. The word from Victoria on **Nu-Way linens**: "drop them in the god-forsaken pile, or throw them in the woods."
6. Don't forget to return your **room keys** to the Front Desk.
7. Final Check-out is Sunday at 11 AM at the latest.

## Banquet Basics

**Students who will be on campus** for the Commencement night banquet but who do not have seats reserved for them by a member of the senior class need to speak with Victoria at the front desk in order to reserve a space at the meal. **Be ye warned:** if you do not speak with Victoria, you will not be attending the banquet. Also, **substitute waiters are still much in demand** for the pre-graduation dinner; if you can help out by assuming one of these paid positions, please speak with Victoria or Julie Lause ASAP.

## Ride Providers

Students who can offer rides to and from popular destinations are asked to post their potential transportation offerings on the bulletin board

outside the dining hall, and in Cyberbarn's Rides Folder. Likewise, those in need of a ride should check the board regularly, and post their own needs as well. While we're on the subject, if you can get Lou McCall to Montreal on Friday morning, call ext. 2784 or drop her a note. Does Heidi Rubin de-La Borbolla have a ride to Burlington Wednesday night? And did Kathy Carroll find a ride to Burlington on Thursday? Jonathan Fried would be willing to pay someone to take him to Williamstown, MA on Thursday late morning (2 hours directly south).

## Tip Time

At this time of year, as we all prepare to head back to our normal lives off the Mountain, it behooves us to look back on the past six weeks with gratitude and respect for those who have made our experiences here seem that much more magical. This includes the wonderfully hospitable Bread Loaf **housekeeping staff**, which worked extra hard to keep our buildings clean and presentable despite those late-night study sessions and impromptu parties, as well as the **waitstaff**, which kept us fed and carefully caffeinated throughout the summer. Tips, gifts, and other gratuities can be left for these diligent citizens at the Front Desk. Please put your building name and room number on an envelope with your housekeeping tip. These traditional offerings symbolize our heartfelt thanks to those often unseen yet always appreciated citizens of our Mountain community. Thank you!

## Quotidly Think

The Queen Mum lives at Clarence House when she's in London; directly across from Prince Charles' pad at St. James Palace. Congratulations to Brad Whitehurst, who got it right!

This is the last stinky thinky of the summer...but in honor of the Perseid shower, which can be seen in the night sky beginning tomorrow and lasting approximately a week, I'd like to know the name of the comet that produces the "falling stars" for us to view.

My friend Michele Forman (local teacher and 2001 National Teacher of the Year) asked me this question yesterday as she was preparing one of her speeches, and I couldn't give her the answer. I'm sure someone here knows this off the top of his/her head....

**What Faulkner character** says, "History is not dead; it's not even past." The Book? Situation? Thanks for your help. Michele thanks you, too.



# Summer Crumb Laude

Bread Loaf School of English Final Exam

Volume 82, Number 31

Wednesday, August 8, 2001

**Today's Tidbit:**  
"What I have  
purposed to record  
is nearly finished"  
—Charles Dickens

**Today's Events**  
**Senior Reception:**  
5:00, Earthworm  
**Closing Banquet**  
6:00, Dining Hall  
**Slide Show:**  
9:00 Barn

**Banquet Menu:**  
Fresh Fruit Salad,  
Roast Duck with  
Raspberry  
Chipotle Pepper  
Sauce  
3-Cheese,  
Broccoli, Spinach  
& Black Bean  
Turnovers,  
Brown & Wild  
Rice,  
Peas, Pearl Onions  
and Mushrooms,  
Cinnamon Raisin  
Bread,  
Apple Pie with  
Cheddar Cheese

## Weather Report

Sunny, cloudy,  
sunny, cloudy,  
sunny, cloudy,  
hot, hot, hot.  
Roll of thunder,  
ear our cry...

Writing the 2001 Crumb has been a Mountain of fun. **Special thanks** to previous Crumbsters Hugh Coyle and Jonathan Freeman for their generous inspiration and, on some occasions, their words. Thanks to the Bread Loaf community on the Mountain and in the Cyber Barn, for their confidence in me, and unfailing support. I hope no one was countig typtos!

## Final Exam: Vermont

Graduation marching order and readmission to Bread Loaf in summers to come is based on students' scores on the following final exam. Don't let your eyes wander, use only a number 2 pencil, and don't forget to write your name at the top of each page you submit. Assign points as you wish.

## Geography

Identify the location of the following using an "O" for Office, "F" for Front Desk, "D" for Dining Hall, "B" for Barn, and "E" for Earthworm.

Transcript request forms \_\_\_\_\_

Farewell Banquet at 6 tonight \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Reception at 5 today, \_\_\_\_\_

Shrimp & Champagne \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Book Buy-back, 10-4 \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluation Forms

Housekeeping/Waitstaff tip drop-off \_\_\_\_\_

Lost and found items \_\_\_\_\_

Copies of Poetry Prize-winning poems \_\_\_\_\_

UPS shipping station (Wed/Thur am only) \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Banquet reservation list \_\_\_\_\_

Readmission forms \_\_\_\_\_

Candy dish donations \_\_\_\_\_

School photo pick-ups \_\_\_\_\_

Work study preference list \_\_\_\_\_

Friday night's Anti-prom Dance \_\_\_\_\_

## Senior Reception Computation

Seniors are invited to meet at the Director's home, Earthworm Manor, for a pre-graduation reception tomorrow evening at 5 p.m. (In case of rain, the reception will be held indoors at Treman.) Based on an average cost of \$8.99/lb for shrimp and \$17/bottle for champagne, calculate the amount of food you would need to ingest to offset the accumulated cost of five years of Bread Loaf tuition.

## Last Middlebury Van Writing

The last scheduled van to Middlebury will run tomorrow at the usual time; sign up at the Front Desk. Having received advance notice of the van run's imminent demise, compose an elegy in the Keatsian style to the van and/or the trip downtown. Extra credit to those who can incorporate "Mister Up's," "Cree-Mee," or "Shop 'till you drop" into their chosen meter.

## Fill in the Blanks

1. Following last night's reviews of how much fun it was to watch, photographer Ed \_\_\_\_\_ Brown will have an encore showing of his \_\_\_\_\_ at 9:00 tonight in the Barn.
2. Students who do not return their library \_\_\_\_\_ will suffer the glare of \_\_\_\_\_ from Brent Goeres and risk accruing overdue \_\_\_\_\_ into the fall.
3. Students remaining on campus who do not yet have reserved \_\_\_\_\_ for the Senior Banquet risk eating \_\_\_\_\_ that night if they don't talk to Victoria at the Front Desk soon.
4. Seniors should pick up and pay for their caps and \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bookstore by Friday morning or risk being \_\_\_\_\_ at Commencement on Saturday.
5. Beginning with breakfast tomorrow, meals in the dining hall will be walk-throughs until Saturday's banquet, so expect to have to \_\_\_\_\_ your own \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ your own \_\_\_\_\_ when you're \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Madrigals will rehearse their \_\_\_\_\_ for graduation on Thursday morning at 9:15 in the Barn.

## True/False

For the following, identify as either true (T) or false (F):

1. You can download BreadNet off the Internet following instructions available at the Computer Center. \_\_\_\_\_
2. BreadNet is a creation of the baking staff here in the Bread Loaf kitchen. \_\_\_\_\_
3. You can visit with "Virtual Caroline," "Real-Time Rocky," and the rest of the gang year-round while logged onto BreadNet. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Cyber-Peace Pops and Cyber-Egg Muffins now available in CyberBarn. \_\_\_\_\_

## Word Problems

1. Heidi Rubin de la Barbolla needs a ride to Burlington sometime Wednesday night. Kathy Carroll has to get there on Thursday. Jonathan Fried will pay for a ride to Williamstown on Thursday morning. Lou McCall needs a ride to Montreal on Friday morning. Assuming that each receives an offer to help them out, and that all are willing to pay for gas, a) how much gas will it take to transport them, b) what if, when you get gas, you also pick up a Snapple and some DingDongs for the ride home, and c) how grateful, in kilothanks, will they be for your assistance?

Word Problems continued on next page...

hours today, but tomorrow will be open from 8:30 AM to around 10 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST). On Friday the computer room will be open from 9:00 AM-12:45 PM and 2:00-5:45 PM, and on Saturday from 9 AM - 12:45 PM only. After that, it won't be open at all. Devise a workable schedule for finishing late coursework. Don't forget to factor in time for checking e-mail, downloading BreadNet software, paying your printing debts, and surfing the Web for hot deals on travel to Vermont next summer.

Extra credit: Determine to the nearest whole number the quantity of poor souls who will be working on papers after classes have ended.

### Chronology

The events listed below are out of order. Put them in the appropriate chronology (using "1" for the earliest event) and adjust your schedule accordingly.

- Commencement in the Theater.
- Commencement Day Picnic on the West Lawn.
- Post-Commencement Reception in the Barn.
- Commencement Banquet in the Dining Hall.
- Pre-Commencement Panic Attack in your room.
- Ante-Commencement Anti-Prom

### Literary Analysis --by Hugh Coyle

Read the following and respond to the questions which follow.

Dearest Joseph:

How dreadful it feels to be saying goodbye to you, but alas I now fear I must. The berries have ripened and fallen from the bough, the cool northern winds bring harbingers of fall, the meadow across from the Inn has been mown, the monarch butterflies now wend their ways southward on their annual migration, and I have a teaching in-service meeting to attend next Tuesday. Still, I tremble, slightly breathless, to think back on all the pleasurable memories I shall bear with me from this place: our long walks through the woods, the songs we sang together in the Barn, the laughs we shared over cheesy meals at our usual table in the dining hall, the endless cups of coffee drunk on the porch as we worked on our projects. My heart feels stuffed to bursting with emotions at the moment—though again, it may be just the cheese—and offers up one hand in protest, beckoning me to tarry and linger a moment longer. But I must go, my experience now truly complete, and take with me such glorious gifts as ever I have received, foremost among them your friendship. Your sweet whisperings shall stir in my ear ever after, my tall and piney prince. This place has claimed my heart—and you, my soul.

With deepest affection always, E.

1. Given the facts presented in the letter, who might the mysterious "E." be?
2. The author depicts the recipient of the letter as "tall and piney." Discuss the symbolism inherent in such a description.
2. Place this work in the proper neo-historical sociocultural context, paying special attention to inter-narrative connections, subtextual echoes, and tetralogical tendencies implicit in the text.
3. Analyze the word "piney" from a Derridian perspective.

### Loaf Withdrawal --by Bread Loaf 2000

20. You salivate whenever you hear a bell ring. (MOA, WOC)
19. You quote Stephen Greenblatt to friends in the grocery store. (WOT)
18. You buy a tiny mailbox that can't be opened. (JT)
17. No one gets your fennel jokes. (AMMO)
16. Your students complain that they can't read an 800 page book every week. (CG)
15. You tell your students to "stay grounded in the text" and "signpost your arguments." They have no clue what that means either. (MOA)
14. You talk to your cats about post-colonial literary theory. (JT) / You try to discuss Chaucer with your ten-year-old. (EH)
13. You deconstruct the message on your answering machine. (EH)
12. You start making Top Ten lists of your own. (AF, AMMO)
11. You perform a close analytical reading of your electric bill (JT) and *Cosmo* (AMMO).
10. You find your phone embarrassingly complex and purchase one with a hand crank like they had on "Lassie." (MOA)
9. You buy *Heart of Darkness* on tape and play it backwards ("!rorroh ehT !rorroh ehT"). (JT)
8. You accuse your kid of cultural hegemony when she dresses her Barbies all the same. (CG)
7. You sit down at your dining room table and wait for food that no longer appears automatically. (AMMO, WOC)
6. Your Subaru has cheetah print seats and a duck hood ornament. (CG)
5. You bring earwigs into your bathroom to grace the walls. (JE)
4. Can't stop looking for moose in downtown Cincinnati. (AMMO, WOT, WOC)
3. You propose marriage to a pine tree. (JT)
2. Bespectacled scruffy men jumping around and taking your picture without warning can actually be arrested. (AMMO)
1. You start assigning yourself papers. (AF)

### And A Quotiddly Summer Crumb Laude to Kurt, Master of Think!

Kurt correctly answered all but 3 of the Q.T.'s this summer, including correctly naming the Swift-Tuttle comet which produces the Perseid Shower, currently on view at a sky near you. Mark Valentine got it, too.

"The woods are lovely, dark, and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep."

--Guess Who

**HAVE A WONDERFUL YEAR,  
EVERYONE!!**



